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Andrew S. Bechtel, Editor
Hanston, Kansas

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PREFACE

The editor represents in the following pages his first attempt to fill the very responsible position of editor of the Year Book. He trusts this may to some degree, at least, be what the readers expect this publication to be.

The function of this book is to give in a general way, a view of the activities of our General Conference during the year and to note the progress made in the different avenues of the work. It is a record of the work of the various Boards and Committees. This record is an indication of what progress has been made.

In the past year there have been more than the usual historical celebrations, anniversaries and centennials. One section is given to historical sketches of much more than ordinary interest to a large number of our churches and peoples.

The work of our schools is of so vital importance to the future of our people and of our denomination. We have given the opportunity to these schools to present their claims for our attention and interest.

The President of our Young Peoples' Committee has given us a view of the aims, hopes, and plans of the Young People of our General Conference.

We are looking forward to the session of

the General Conference in Saskatoon, Canada in 1938. Our President has given a short message with this session in view.

A contrast of the oldest with the newest is interesting. We have listed the very oldest of our church houses followed by the very newest ones erected and dedicated during the year 1937. This shows growth, interest, extension of the work.

We do well to honor the aged veterans while they can still enjoy the fragrance of the bouquets we offer to them. We have given sketches and pictures of the five oldest and still living ministers—all past four score years—in the General Conference. This is followed by the youngest of our ministers.

The statistics we endeavored to secure as accurately as possible from the different statisticians. These figures tell an interesting story of growth or otherwise. They deserve careful study and comparison with those of former years.

An earnest effort has been made to have the directory of the ministers as accurate as possible. There have been rather many changes during the year.

It was suggested to the editor that recognition, in a brief way, be given to the other branches of the Mennonite Church. An effort was made to contact each branch. Not all

responded. In so far as responses were received, recognition has been given.

Doubtless there are errors in the Year Book and doubtless some omissions have been made that should not have been made. For such the editor begs your indulgence. Be assured that it was not willful. Grateful recognition needs to be given to all who help-

ed so much by their generous contributions which represented both time and effort on their part. Without such help, the editing of a Year Book would be impossible. To each one, a hearty, thank you.

A. S. Bechtel, Editor,
Hanston, Kansas, Oct. 25, 1937.

A PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We hail Thee Lord Jesus, as King of Kings, Lord of Lords and Ruler over our lives. We welcome Thee, Lord Christ, into our lives, our homes, our business, our pleasures and our every thought and act. We would be Thy disciples. We would live Thy life over again in our daily walk. We rejoice in Thy coming to this world to show us how to live. We have acknowledged Thee openly and then secretly we have turned against Thee. As Thou didst consecrate Thine all, even life itself, for our redemption, so would we consecrate ourselves, our lives,

our possessions, our desires, to Thee, O God and Jesus Christ Thy Son, forever our King. We will strive to be, always, Thine obedient children, and willing subjects, honoring Thee with our worship, showing our loyalty with our substance. As Thou hast promised, so now we accept the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that we cultivate in ourselves, the spirit of Thy Son. We here pledge to Thee, our loyalty and fidelity, in thought, word and deed, to the honor and glory of the precious Name of Jesus Our Savior and King. Amen.

Arthur J. Pennell, D. D.

SPECIAL DAYS IN 1938

January 1—New Year's Day
February 12—Lincoln's Birthday
February 22—Washington's Birthday
March 1—Shrove Tuesday
March 2—Ash Wednesday
(Lent Begins)
April 3—Passion Sunday
April 10—Palm Sunday
April 15—Good Friday
April 17—Easter Sunday
May 8—Mother's Day
May 18—Peace Day
May 26—Ascension Day

May 30—Memorial Day
June 5—Pentecost (Whitsunday)
June 12—Trinity Sunday
June 12—Children's Day
July 4—Independence Day
September 6—Labor Day
November 11—Armistice Day
November 24—Thanksgiving Day
November 27—Advent Sunday
December 8—Universal Bible Sunday
December 24—Christmas Day
December 31—New Year's Eve

Sunday School Lessons for 1938

FIRST QUARTER

THE GOSPEL OF SERVICE

(According to Mark)

- I. Jan. 2.—The Gospel of Mark: A Preview. Mark 10:35-45
- II. Jan. 9.—Preparing for a Life of Service. Mark 1:1-13
- III. Jan. 16.—Beginning a Life of Service. Mark 1:14-28
- IV. Jan. 23.—Ministering to Physical Needs. Mark 1:29-45
- V. Jan. 30.—Ministering to Spiritual Needs. Mark 2:1-12
- VI. Feb. 6.—Challenging the Social Order. Mark 2:13-22.
- VII. Feb. 13.—Conserving the Sabbath for Man. Mark 2:23-3:6
- VIII. Feb. 20.—Choosing Companions in Service. Mark 3:7-19, 31-35
- IX. Feb. 27.—Measuring a Man's Worth. Mark 5:1-17
- X. Mar. 6.—Serving with What We Have. Mark 6:1-13.
- XI. Mar. 13.—Feeding the Hungry. Mark 6:30-44
- XII. Mar. 20.—Keeping the Body Strong. (A personal aspect of temperance) Mark 6:53-56; Judges 13:12-14; I Cor. 3:16, 17; Romans 12:1, 2
- XIII. Mar. 27.—Correcting Wrong Ideas of Religion. Mark. 7:1-13

SECOND QUARTER

THE GOSPEL OF SERVICE

(According to Mark)

- I. April 3.—Serving Other Races. Mark 7:24-37
- II. April 10.—Finding Ourselves in Service. Mark 8:27-38
- III. April 17.—The Victorious Servant. (Easter). Acts 2:22-36
- IV. April 24.—Receiving Vision for Service. Mark 9:2-10
- V. May 1.—Following Vision with Service. Mark 9:14-29.
- VI. May 8.—Cooperating in Service. Mark 9:30-41
- VII. May 15.—Testing Discipleship by Serv-

ice. Mark 10:17-31

- VIII. May 22.—Serving through Christian Citizenship. Mark 12:13-17, 28-34
- IX. May 29.—Maintaining Personal Efficiency. (A personal aspect of temperance). Daniel 1:8-16, 19,20; I Cor. 9:24-27
- X. June 5.—Serving by Personal Devotion to Christ. Mark 14:3-11, 27-31
- XI. June 12.—Facing the Supreme Test of Service. Mark 14:32-46
- XII. June 19.—The Suffering Servant. Mark 15:22-39
- XIII. June 26.—Sharing Service with the Living Christ. Mark 16:1-8, 14-16, 19, 20.

THIRD QUARTER

MESSAGES FROM ISRAEL'S EARLY LEADERS

- I. July 3.—Joshua: A Choice of Loyalties. Numbers 27:15-23; Joshua 1:1-9; 24:1-31
- II. July 10.—Caleb: Life-time Devotion. Joshua 14:6-15
- III. July 17.—Deborah: Emergency Leadership. Judges 4:1-9; 12-14
- IV. July 24.—Gideon: Following God's Plan. Judges 7:4-7, 15-23
- V. July 31.—Samson: Strength and Weakness. Judges 14:5, 6; 15:11-14; 16:15-21
- VI. Aug. 7.—Ruth: Adventurous Faith. Ruth 1:6-18
- VII. Aug. 14.—The Relation of Temperance to Character. (A personal aspect of temperance). Prov. 4:10-23; I Thess. 5:6-8
- VIII. Aug. 21.—Hannah: Godly Motherhood. I Samuel 1:9-18; 2:1-5
- IX. Aug. 28.—Eli: Responsibility for Others. I Samuel 3:11-14; 4:12-18.
- X. Sept. 4.—Samuel: Spiritual Revival. I Samuel 7:3-13
- XI. Sept. 11.—Saul: Moral Failure. I Samuel 10:21-25; 15:20-23; 31:3-6
- XII. Sept. 18.—Jonathan: Courageous Friendship. I Samuel 20:4-17
- XIII. Sept. 25.—David: Triumphant Faith. Psalm 23; 27:1-6.

FOURTH QUARTER**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE
TEACHING OF JESUS**

- I. Oct. 2.—The One True God.
Exodus 20:2, 3; Isaiah 45:22; Mark 12:28-34; I Cor. 8:4-6
- II. Spiritual Worship.
Exodus 20:4-6; 32:1-8; John 4:19-24
- III. Oct. 16.—Reverence for God.
Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37; 12:33-37
- IV. Oct. 23.—Our Day of Rest.
Exodus 20:8-11; Luke 13:10-17
- V. Oct. 30.—Personal Rights and Where They End. (International Temperance Sunday). Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10, 11; Romans 6:17-23; 14:21
- VI. Nov. 6.—Honoring our Parents.
Exodus 20:12; Luke 2:46-52; John 19:26, 27; Eph. 6:1-4
- VII. Nov. 20.—The Sacredness of Human Life. Exodus 20:13; Matt. 5:21-26, 38-42
- VIII. Nov. 20.—The Sacredness of the Home. Exodus 20:14; Matt. 5:27, 28; Mark 10:2-16.
- IX. Nov. 27.—Honesty in All Things
Exodus 20:15; Luke 19:1-10, 45, 46
- X. Dec. 4.—The Sin of Lying.
Exodus 20:16; Matt. 15:19, 20; John 8:42-47; Ephesians 4:25
- XI. Dec. 11.—The Sin of Covetousness.
Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:13-21; I Tim. 6:6-10
- XII. Dec. 18.—Christ's New Commandment.
Matt. 5:43-48; 22:34-40; John 13:34, 35; 15:12-14
- XIII. Dec. 25.—God's Great Love.
Matt. 2:1-12

THE CONFERENCE YEAR

A Conference year is before us again.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan is the place.
Great tasks call us together.
World burdens weary doubting hearts.
Diverse voices bid for discipleship.
Dazzling world lights dim unsteadied eyes.
Multitudes tremble before strange gods.
Military antagonists brandish polished steel.
Classes heap curses upon each other.
Infidelity flouts the living God.
Crushing debts and corrupted riches play hide and seek.
Lust ensnares would-be youthful lovers.
Crime blatantly stalks through the land.
Statesmen helplessly grasp at a straw.
Unprepared souls are dashed into eternity.

BUT,

They that are wise shall understand. Dan. 12:10.
See that ye be not troubled. Matt. 24:6.
From the fig tree learn her parable. Matt. 24:32.
He that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matt. 24:13.

OUR PREPARATION:

Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined. Dan. 12:10.
Present your bodies a living sacrifice. Rom. 12:1.
Be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love. 1 Thess. 5:8.
Keep yourselves in the love of God. Jude 21.
Let love be without hypocrisy. Rom. 12:9.

OUR CHARGE:

We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:20.
Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season. 2 Tim. 4:2.
Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Tim. 4:2.
On some have mercy with fear. Jude 23.
Who then is the faithful and wise servant? Matt. 24:45.

OUR ANCHOR:

I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13.
This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer. Mk. 9:29.
The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. Rom. 16:20.
Unto him that loved us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood . . . to him be the glory and dominion for ever. Amen. Rev. 1:5, 6.
In this spirit let us meet at Saskatoon.

P. R. Schroeder, President of General Conference

OUR MISSION WORK

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK

P. H. Richert, Secretary

"First of all . . . intercessions for all men; for kings and all in authority, that we may lead a peaceable life. . . For this is good in the sight of God. . . who will have all men to be saved." I Tim. 2:1-4.

If ever this exhortation was necessary, it is now, when the rulers of the world seemingly are unable to stop war, and keep the doors every where open for mission work. It is noteworthy, that while Paul asks for prayer for all men, he mentions by name "the kings and all in authority." Why? Not only for a "peaceful and godly life", but essentially because God wills "that all men be saved." A certain amount of peace is necessary for this. We see that again in China right now. Four of our missionaries who were ready to go there, find the door closed, and the Secretary of State Hull advises even those on the field to come home. We happen to have only 6 missionaries there now, for which we may well be thankful. We take it as the Lord's leading. Let us pray much for them and for the governments concerned.

India also needs special remembrance in our prayers on account of the unprecedented flood at Birra, where missionary Thiessens and Duerksens are stationed. We praise with them the Lord that no lives in our mission were lost, as was the case at other places along the river. The workers are planning to move the station, at least the smaller buildings, to another place. The total damage is about \$6000.00, but it will not all be needed this year. We are grateful for the special gifts that are being sent to our Emergency Relief Committee for this purpose.

The mission supporters have again done very well this year so that we have been able to make all regular payments, and have already sent \$100.00 for the flood relief besides what the Emergency Relief Committee has sent. This will encourage the workers very much, who were naturally somewhat downcast.

The health of the missionaries has on the whole been very good, except that Mrs. Lin-

scheid has not been strong, so that they will have to step out of hard work soon. They have already served long enough to be entitled to a pension. We call attention to the needs of this fund.

The Lord has blessed the work greatly during the past year. In China 139 souls were added to the church, in India 200, and in America 19. Praise the Lord!

II. Statistical Information

A. Mission stations and missionaries with their addresses:

I. AMERICA

Oklahoma—

Canton: Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Linscheid
(serving also Longdale and Fonda)

Clinton: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ediger
(serving also Hammon and Deer Creek)

Montana—

Lame Deer: Mr. and Mrs. R. Petter
(serving also Birney)

Busby: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Habegger
Ashland: Mrs. V. Petter

Arizona—

Oraibi: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Suderman

Hotevilla: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schirmer
Miss Mary Schirmer

Tuba City (Moen Copi): Mr. and Mrs.
F. A. Johnson.

II. INDIA

Champa, C. P.—

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Penner
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Isaac
Drs. H. R. and Ella Bauman
Miss Loretta Lehman
Miss Eva Pauls

Janjgir, C. P.—

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Penner
Miss Martha Burkhalter
Miss Helen E. Nickel

Korba, C. P.—

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wenger

Birra, C. P.—

Mr. and Mrs. John Thiessen
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Duerksen
*Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wiens

Basna, C. P.—

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Moyer
Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Dester
Miss Augusta Schmidt

*Miss Clara Kuehny

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Unruh

III. CHINA, HOPEI

Kai Chow—

*Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Brown

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Pannabecker

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Pannabecker

*Miss Elizabeth Goertz

Miss Aganetha Fast

Tamingfu—

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Voth

Miss Wilhelmina Kuyf

*Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Goering

Chang Yuan—

*Mr. and Mrs. August Ewert

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jantzen (to go as soon as the door opens)

(* On furlough)

B. NATIVE HELPERS

	America	India	China	Total
Ordained	1	1		2
Evangelists and Bible women	12	40	69	121
Teachers		27	73	100
Physicians		1	2	3
Medical Helpers		17	9	26
Other workers		11		11

C. CHURCHES, INSTITUTIONS, ETC.

	America	India	China	Total
Churches	9	8	15	32
Members	573	1504	1412	3489
Baptisms in 1937 ..	19	200	139	358
Sunday Schools	12	14	16	42
S. S. Enrollment	350	1834	1380	3564
Day School pupils ..		785	1286	2071
Main Stations	9	5	3	17
Outstations	6	9	25	40
Collections	\$140.14	\$1593.20	\$790.66	\$2498.00
			(Approx.)	
Hospitals		2	1	3
Patients		1148	2477	3625
Registrations		12265	6421	18686
Lepers		597		597
Size of field	2000	4325	4500	10825
Population		78064	2220975	2949039
Value	\$40,655	\$75,000	\$87,000	\$212,655

D. Needs:

1. A nurse for the Leper Asylum.
2. About \$4000.00 more for the flood relief
3. Special gifts to support native helpers in China
4. Special gifts for the pension fund
5. Special prayers for our workers in China, and for China and Japan to make peace
6. Continued prayers for Dr. Ambedkar to make full decision for Christ and lead the masses that way

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HOME MISSION WORK

The work of Home Missions in the Conference has increased about double from what it was fifteen years ago. The work has also assumed a somewhat different nature. In the United States it is practically confined to the development of City Missions and Church extension work. The Board has been endeavoring to follow up those members who move from the country churches to a city and unless they receive spiritual care they become lost to the church. This has also had the result that a number of members were secured who had no Mennonite background and so congregations were formed that were more of a cosmopolitan nature.

In Canada the work has been and will for some time to come, in the newly formed groups, be itinerant work and the great distance between many groups makes it a real task to keep them in touch with the church and growing in their spiritual life, but with very modest consideration they have done selfdenying and effective work. In addition to supporting these traveling ministers, the Board has frequent calls for assistance in building churches, and has received much support from the churches so this could be done, though not as much as the needs require. Small loans have been made to various churches for a certain period so the funds might reach farther and may be used again. Owing to the repeated failure of crops in many parts of Canada, this need has become all the greater. Our Canadian Board member, Brother David Toews, has been busy travelling from Ontario to Vancouver to look after the new settlements and needy fields and has dedicated a number of churches and made provisions for their supply. Funds for assisting in building churches is one of our great needs.

The Board is also assisting financially in the work of the General Conference Field Secretary. His duties are largely to inform the congregations on the activities of the Conference, and this is done better by a specialist than by the local pastor.

Changing workers and finding the proper person is one of the difficulties of the Home Mission Board. And this year it has happened several times. Brother Jacob Janzen returns to his former field, from Vancouver

to Waterloo, Ontario. His place in Vancouver is filled by Brother Jacob Wiens from Ontario. Other minor changes were made in Canada. Edmund Miller of Freeman, S. D. has been stationed at the Portland Mission and Catherine Niswander will be the lady worker in the First Mennonite Church in Philadelphia. This church used to be an uptown church surrounded by country people, now it is a down-town church with few of the members living in the vicinity but surrounded by many foreigners and people who need such attention in order to get them to Sunday School and interested in Christian work. Emmerson Slotterback has taken charge of the work in Altoona, Pa. These City Missions often present a real problem. Unconditional surrender to the Lord and proper recognition of the authority of the Board, would greatly simplify the work of the Board.

W. S. Gottshall, Sec.

HOME MISSION STATIONS AND WORKERS

By W. S. Gottshall

Secretary of the Home Mission Board

Calvary (Mission) Church, Mechanics, Grove, Pa.—Rev. Sylvan Lehman, Quarryville, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Mennonite Memorial (Mission) Church, Altoona, Pa.—Rev. and Mrs. Emerson Slotterback, 2204 11th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

First Mennonite (Mission) Church, 73rd and Lafflin St., Chicago, Ill.—Rev. A. H. Leaman, 189 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Smith Corner (Mountain Mission).—Rev. John S. Rough, East Freedom, Pa.

Alberta Community (Mission) Church, Portland, Oregon.—Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Miller, 4917 E. Rodney Ave., Portland, Ore.

Girls' Home, Winnipeg, Manitoba.—Lena Epp, Matron, 412 Banatyne Ave., Winnipeg, Man., Canada; Rev. J. H. Enns, Spiritual Adviser, 491 Pacific Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Mission Church and Girls' Home, Saskatoon, Sask., Rev. J. J. Thiessen, 337 5th Ave., N. Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.

Vancouver, B. C., Girls' Home and Mission—Jacob Wiens, 2331 West 47 Ave., Vancouver, B. C.—partly itinerant.

Itinerant ministers in Canada receiving some support from the Home Mission Board
Rev. J. J. Klassen, Dundurn, Sask., serving

about fifteen groups in central Saskatchewan, as elder and pastor.

Rev. J. P. Klassen, 392 Alexander Ave., Winnipeg, Man., doing pastoral work in and to a number of groups around Winnipeg.

Rev. F. F. Enns, Whitewater, Man., serving a number of groups in the southwestern part of Manitoba.

Rev. J. P. Bueckert, Gretna, Man., R. 1, serving a number of groups in southern Manitoba and in the northern settlements.

Rev. J. G. Rempel, Rosthern, Sask., doing itinerant work and teaching in the Bible School and giving Bible lectures in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Rev. C. D. Harder, Rosemary, Alta., doing itinerant work in southern Alberta and visiting groups as far north as Peace River District.

Rev. Wilhelm Martens, Coaldale, Alta., doing itinerant work in Coaldale and to groups in southwestern and northern Alberta.

Rev. H. P. Lepp, Reesor, Ont., doing pastoral work in the woods of northern Ontario.

Rev. J. D. Nickel, Lymburn, Alta., a young minister and elder in the Peace River District.

Rev. John J. Nickel, Main Center, Sask., elder in and around Herbert, Sask.

Rev. Jacob J. Nickel, Aberdeen, Sask., evangelist and Bible lecturer in a number of groups in central Saskatchewan.

Rev. Johannes Regier, Laird, Sask., working mostly during the winter in northern Saskatchewan.

Rev. J. J. Derksen, Herbert, Sask., a young minister doing manual labor for his support, receives a small monthly allowance.

Rev. N. W. Bahnman, Sardis, B. C., working in the Swift Current area, Saskatchewan.

Rev. D. J. Loewen, Rabbit Lake, Saskatchewan. Itinerant.

Rev. C. F. Sawatzky, Laird, Sask., partly itinerant.

Rev. N. J. Kroeker.

Rev. J. H. Janzen, Waterloo, Ontario., partly itinerant.

C. P., India. This was the second death in the P. A. Penner family in India. In September, 1905, their baby, Linda, had died and was buried in the mission station cemetery and in January, 1906, the mother, Mrs. P. A. Penner, died in Calcutta, 400 miles away from Champa, and was buried in the Circular Road Cemetery, Calcutta, India. At this time missionary John F. Kroeker, of Janjgir, C. P., India, had to suffer much from eczema of his hands and was hindered in his work, and now the homegoing of Mrs. Penner, all added to induce the Mission Board to ask whether Miss Agnes Harder and I who were engaged ere then would be willing to break off our studies, get married and go to India, now. We had both graduated from Bethel College in 1904 and were then making further preparations for mission work, she taking a nurse's training course in the German Deaconess Home and Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and I the missionary course in the Union Missionary Training Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y. There was still half a year for each of us left before we could graduate, but the urgency of the case made us consent to accept the Mission Board's call and break off our studies and hurry to India. The call and request of the Mission Board came on January 17th, and on February 14th, we were married in the West Swamp Church, Pennsylvania, where the secretary of the Mission Board, Rev. A. B. Shelly, was pastor, and on February 20th, we were on board ship and on the way to India, via Russia, to say goodbye to our parents and friends. While in Russia letters from Brother P. A. Penner, India, advised us to wait with the landing in India for a few months, because it is not the best to arrive there during the hot season, April to July, and so we could spend a longer time with our parents whom we then saw for the last time, for which the World War is to blame.

We arrived in Bombay, India, August 16th, 1906, and were met and welcomed by Brother P. A. Penner himself, who had come those 800 miles to bring us by train to Champa where the mission bungalow had been completed about a year before and where there was place for us as well as Brother Penner,

« A RETOSPECT »

It was in January, 1906, when the sad news came by cable to the Mission Board of the death of Mrs. P. A. Penner, Champa,

who was left there alone of that happy family of four. Linda, the baby, had died in September, 1905; Mrs. Penner was called to the heavenly home in January, 1906, and in March Mariam, the only child left, had gone along home to America with her grandfather, Abraham Penner, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, who had been visiting India during the cool season of 1905-06, and so was present when his son was passing through those critical days. We had a very hearty welcome from Brother Penner and those Christians that were at Champa and later from Brother and Sister J. F. Kroeker at Janjgir. Our work in India started in August, 1906. Till spring of 1908 Brother Penner and we worked together at Champa, but then Brother Penner went on his first furlough home. The General Conference mission work began with the opening of the two stations, Champa and Janjgir in 1901 by the Kroeker and Penner couples. A few helpers from older missions were soon called and the touring of the district begun. The famine of 1898 produced many orphans and our mission gathered a few of them. The boys were kept at Janjgir and the girls at Champa. In the fall of 1908 the first marriage of orphans took place at Champa, officiated by missionary Kroeker, and that couple celebrated their silver wedding in 1933.

There were quite a number of Christian lepers before Brother Penner left in the spring of 1908 but I baptized the first group of 12 lepers in the fall of 1908, and for this occasion the Janjgir missionaries were invited. The Church at the Leper Home was begun before Brother Penner left for the U.S.A. and I completed that work also during that year. In the fall of 1909 Brother Penner returned to India, after he had married the present Mrs. Penner, and Brother and Sister C. H. Suckau also came along with him. With their coming the mission force was strong enough to look for a place for the third station. This was found and bought during 1910. The work at the third mission station, Birra, was begun in January 1911 and nearly completed by the end of the year. For this occasion all the missionaries and many of the helpers and Christians had come to Birra. Also many of the non-Christians of the surrounding villages came

to the meetings daily, and it was a great opportunity to preach the gospel to these visitors from all around the new mission station.

During March of 1912, Brother P. A. Penner and myself accompanied by some of our evangelists, made an exploring tour to the south of Birra station, beyond the present Basna mission station, to get acquainted with the lay of the land and to find out how far the territory was unoccupied. We went on bicycles. About 40 miles south of Birra, at the bazaar of the old Phuljhar village, some Christians were met and talked to by Brother Penner and the evangelists, but I had gone 25 miles further south that day, alone, as Brother Penner was not feeling well on account of an abcess on his cheek which was opened that evening. Nothing more was heard of those Christians in the southern area till after we had left for our first furlough in 1915, and when Brother and Sister E. B. Steiner also went south in 1916 on their tour from Birra. While in Phuljhar zamindary, on one of the bazaars, some Christians from the village Sukhri, of the Devri zamindary heard the evangelists preach and came to the missionary, imploring him to come to their village and instruct them and their women folks. After much persuasion this was done and an evangelist sent to teach all interested in Christ and His salvation, and when we returned to India in 1917, Brother Steiner and I went down to Sukhri and baptized on a Sunday in May, the first group of 29 persons of the Gara caste. This started the Christward movement in that area that lasted for a number of years, till 1923, and in 1924 that southern part of the Birra mission area was transferred to the Basna station and the missionaries of Basna took charge of all the Christians and congregations there. There were, at that time, 5 village churches with an evangelist at each of those villages. The following are the statistics of the accessions to the church of the Gara caste at that time.

Baptisms in 1917.....	29
Baptisms in 1918.....	36
Baptisms in 1919.....	126
Baptisms in 1920.....	00
Baptisms in 1921.....	191

Baptisms in 1922.....	52
Baptisms in 1923.....	40
Received by letters.....	12
Total	486

The growth in those 7 years was 486. Those living in the southern field were transferred to the new station, Basna, the next year, which we specially opened for the care of those new Christians and the further development of those churches.

After we returned from our second furlough in 1927, we were stationed at Basna until February, 1929. During the nearly four years of our absence from Birra, Brother and Sister John Thiessen had charge of all the work there, and the church had some baptisms every year. During our stay at Basna in charge of the church and the dispensary work, 37 members were added to the church.

Returning again to Birra, we had charge of all the work till 1931, when the Thiessens returned just in time for our silver wedding on Feb. 14, 1931. After they were settled, the work was divided so that the Thiessens were responsible for the schools, the boys' boarding, the industrial work connected with the school and boarding, and we retained the church, district work, and the dispensary work till the end of 1936, when Brother Thiessen took charge of the church.

When the J. R. Duerksens returned from furlough in February, 1937, they were stationed at Birra and the district work as well as the medical work of the dispensary was assigned to them. We left our work at Birra on March 6, 1937 and started on our furlough for the third time, after nearly 31 years of service. During the last eight years the church at Birra did not grow as rapidly as we would have liked to see it increase, only 61 members were added by baptism, but it was a time of stabilizing and inner growth of the church. The financial difficulties since 1929 caused a drastic cut in salaries of all helpers, and this had its effect in smaller gains and increase of church members. The outlook is brighter again, as some more helpers have been trained and the work in the villages has proportionately increased. Although the churches in the mission field are shouldering more and more of the burden of the spreading of the gospel, the need of support from the home churches with missionaries and finances will continue for a while longer, so let us do Christ's bidding with vigor and joy, as long as the doors are open and there are hungry hearts, longing to hear the gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Yours for the salvation of India,

P. J. and Agnes Wiens

HISTORICAL SKETCHES

BUILDING THE FLATLAND MEETING HOUSE

A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Paper read by Rev. A. J. Neuenschwander, Pastor of Flatland, at the Quarterly Session of the Eastern District Conference, June 21, 1937.

The story of the building of the Flatland Meeting House near Quakertown, Pa., 100 years ago this summer, was a matter of wide concern. The Mennonites of the immediate community were evidently not very strong nor numerous. From scant gleanings here and there we find that those who lived in and near Flatland came here from the Swamp and Springfield charges. Of course,

it is clear to us all that at that time all Mennonites were in one conference, known as the Franconia Conference. Although the local number was small, they had a few choice, heroic souls who were willing to go ahead in the face of many difficulties. Jacob Benner and John Landis were the Trustees of the Church and negotiated the deal, whereby the acre of land was bought from Enoch and Sarah Biehn for the sum of \$45.00. A building committee composed of George Landis, Jacob Benner and Peter Martin, guided the work of solicitation and the erection of the present building.



FLATLAND MEETING HOUSE

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"Be it known and announced to everyone to whom this may come, that we the undersigned have united our efforts to erect a church and establish a burial ground on the land purchased from Enoch Biehn, in Richland Township, Bucks County, for the Mennonite Congregation, if by the grace of God and the aid of our neighbors, we can solicit and gather sufficient money.

Therefore we entreat each and every one who has a Christian inclination, for his help, support and contribution. We wish to express our most sincere and heart-felt thanks for each gift, however small it may be, for this spiritual undertaking.

We are willing to return such favor for a similar cause, if it should be desired. May the Lord grant His peace and benediction to this undertaking."

October 29th, 1836.

George Landis,
Jacob Benner,
Peter Martin,
Committee.

Of these three men George Landis (1796-1881) was, without doubt, the leader. He was the first ordained Minister of Flatland, according to Wenger, "History of the Mennonites of the Franconia Conference." He served the Flatland church faithfully until

1847, when the schism developed between two groups within the Conference. He held loyally with the Franconia leaders and, as a result, he removed to Hilltown Township and united with the Blooming Glen Congregation. His grandson, William M. Landis (1869-1923), was the first English minister of the Rockhill Congregation.

Of the three men, Rev. Landis was the best solicitor. We are indebted to some unknown individual who kept an exact record of the income and expenditures, down to the half cent. In this record we find that George Landis circulated two subscription blanks and on the one he secured \$12.00, while with the other one he was more successful and brought in \$444.87 1-2. An item shows he was out driving for contributions for 14 days at \$1.25 per day. Without doubt, Rev. Landis saw to it that a collection was taken at the dedication service, for it is recorded with his other efforts, that \$22.53 came in at this service.

Jacob Benner, served as the first deacon of Flatland. There is an opinion that Mr. Benner was ordained to the ministry in 1842. He was a faithful co-worker with the other members of the committee, but when the division came, he cast his lot with the John H. Oberholtzer group. Without doubt, there were bleeding and wounded hearts in those trying years, for we read that the

majority of the members followed Benner into what is now known as the General Conference of the Mennonite Church of North America.

Peter Martin did not seem to have any official standing, but no doubt he merited the confidence of his friends, because the records show that he was a man of many parts. According to the record by our unknown chronicler, he served in many capacities. He was one of the solicitors, part time treasurer for the project, visited neighboring churches on behalf of the Flatland church, did teaming with his horses, and also worked as mason's helper. In all we must admit, it was a representative and efficient building and solicitation committee.

That the erection of the Flatland Meeting House, 100 years ago, was a project that enlisted more than local help is seen in the painstaking records that have come to us. Other members of the Franconia Conference were enlisted and they also helped in a substantial manner. It is interesting to observe who the men were and what office they held in the various churches.

Daniel Geisinger, Deacon from the Springfield Church, circulated a paper and collected \$12.50. He was ordained prior to 1847 and in 1848 he joined the Oberholtzer group. Johannes Geil, (1778-1866), a minister of the Lexington Church, found friends who supported the work to the extent of \$57.50. This is not designated as coming from his church. Two deacons, Henry Meyer of Perkaspie and Blooming Glen and Abraham Wismer who lived at Plumsteadville, jointly brought \$56.50 toward the erection of the Flatland Meeting House.

The Salford Franconia Congregation showed a real interest in the effort of the Flatland people in that they contributed \$43.25 to the fund through John Lederach, who was treasurer of the Alms account of the Salford Church. John, also called Johannes, Landes (1801-1860), deacon of the Skippack congregation, brought in the largest sum from outside sources, he turned over to the local committee \$84.37. Not only neighboring congregations of the Franconia Conference, but the Franconia Congregation itself, through

Bishop Jacob Gottshall, furnished \$49.00 for the new Meeting House. Johannes Detweiler evidently was a willing helper, for the record shows that he solicited two congregations. From the Plain Church near Lansdale he secured \$6.00 and from the Hilltown Church \$31.75 for this new congregation. Upper Saucon, as the other neighboring congregations, helped to the extent of \$33.00, which amount was turned over to the committee by Joseph Shelly.

The Church was evidently known by more than one name. Flatland Meeting House was official and is the most common, but locally it was known as the "Tohickon" or "Tihicker" church, the name of a nearby creek.

The story of the erection has been lost. Many individuals worked on the project. In the accounting for the expenditures we find that John H. Oberholtzer furnished the doorlocks and shutter bolts for \$6.87. Without doubt they paid things cash, but in order to do this they had to borrow money. No amount is given nor any period of time named, but Rachel Foulke received \$1.25 as interest. John Landis who signed the deed, is the grandfather of John H. Landis, and the great-grandfather of almost one third of the present membership of 64.

Early in 1897 the building was renovated and a rededication service was held on June 6th. Rev. W. S. Gottshall preached the sermon on that occasion.

On June 6th, 1937, the 1st part of the Anniversary observance was held as a congregational event. At that time Rev. S. M. Grubb, D. D. delivered the paper. In connection with that event, two letters were read to the large assembly from two prominent Ministers, who gave credit to the spiritual influence of Flatland Sunday School leaders, for directing them into their life work. One of these men serves in the Reformed denomination and the other one in the Evangelical. I Cor. 3:6, "I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Flatland planted, many workers watered, but God gave the increase.

(Editor's note—Dr. S. M. Grubb's paper was printed in "The Mennonite," Aug. 31).

A SWISS MENNONITE CHURCH CENTENARY

At Bluffton, Ohio, on Sunday, July 4, 1937, occurred a centenary celebration of general interest to our General Conference Mennonite churches. It was approximately one hundred years ago, when a complete organization of the Swiss Mennonite Church was effected in this community. That event, it was felt, was of sufficient importance to warrant the churches concerned to set aside one Sunday, when all the cooperating churches would dismiss their Sunday services and join in a fitting commemoration of this centenary anniversary. The morning session was a worship service. In the afternoon an historical survey was given of the Swiss Church in this community. The evening was devoted to a rendition of "The Holy City" by the combined choirs of the local Mennonite churches of Swiss descent.

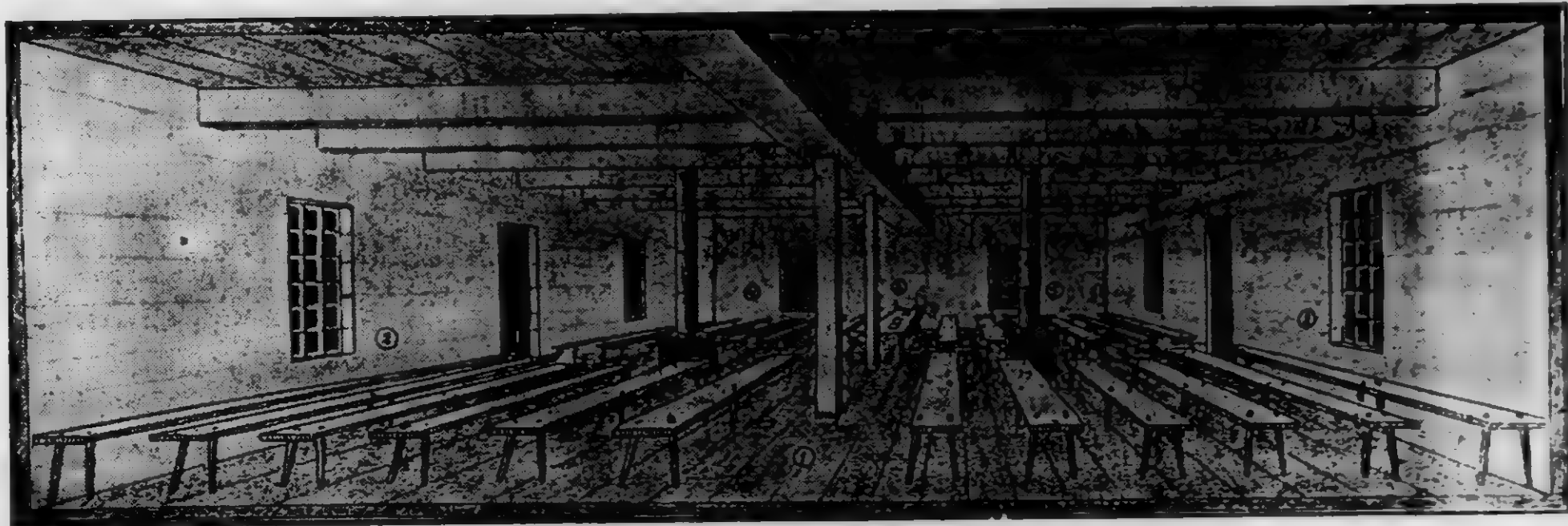
It was in the spring of 1833 that Michael Neuenschwander and his family came to Putnam County, Ohio, and settled on a farm on the banks of Riley Creek. This was the first Swiss Mennonite family to arrive here. Soon a stream of settlers followed the Neuenschwander family from their former home in Wayne County, Ohio. Others came from Holmes County, Ohio, and later some came direct from Switzerland and Alsace and settled in the same community.

The first minister, Christian Steiner, came to Putnam County, Ohio, in the fall of 1835, from his home near the Swiss border, a few miles from Basel, Switzerland. He was invited by the Swiss settlers to become their

pastor. He accepted the call and began to hold public worship services in the homes and the barns of the settlers. No further organization of the members into a congregation seems to have been made until two years later when Christian Basinger was elected as a deacon and Christian Suter a minister. These first ordinations, in 1837, seem to mark the real beginning of organized church life among the Swiss settlers in Putnam county, Ohio.

The membership of the new church grew rapidly through the arrival of new settlers from eastern Ohio and also from Europe. Ministers and deacons were chosen by the church as need required. By 1840 it was found advisable to build a church house in which the religious life of the community could be carried on more effectively. The first church was built of hewn logs. Practically the only furniture in this early church consisted of home-made benches without backs, a table for the singers and two stoves. In this plain, bare building devout worshippers gathered from Sunday to Sunday to listen to scripture readings, prayer and long exhortations by the ministers, and to join in the singing of hymns. There were no Sunday schools, no young people's meetings, but this simple church life and leadership seemed to provide the necessary religious life for a God-fearing and devout Christian people.

In 1846 a second church was built a few miles south of the first church house, near



INTERIOR OF FIRST LOG CHURCH

the site of the present Ebenezer Church. This indicates that the community was growing and needed more adequate church facilities. For many years after the erection of the second church building, services were held on alternate Sunday mornings in the two churches. There were two church buildings but only one congregation.

The home life of the settlers was simple. The people had few wants that they could not supply in their farm homes. There the food was raised and prepared. Here the clothing was largely produced and made ready for the wearer. Here, too, the farm buildings were hewed out of the great forests and erected. These pioneers worked hard, lived frugally and won from the forests and farms substantial and comfortable homes and achieved a Godly home life that was respected and honored wherever known. These early fathers and mothers passed on a heritage to the present generation which we can justly hold in high esteem and strive to pass on to coming generations without loss or injury.

In 1857 the first church was replaced by a larger and better building. This new church was a frame building and painted white. In later years it was generally known as "The Old White Church." By 1876 it was necessary to rebuild and enlarge "The Old White Church" to meet the growing needs of the congregation. For many years this enlarged building served the people living in the northern part of the community as a house of worship. Sunday schools were started in both churches in the later sixties or early seventies. This was a great gain in the life and work of the church.

The first brick church was built in 1868 on the site of the present Ebenezer Church and became to a still greater degree the center of the religious and church life of the people in the southern part of the settlement. This brick building was rebuilt and enlarged twice since then, in 1883 and in 1928 and has for many years been known as the Ebenezer Church. In 1889 "The Old White Church" gave way to the present St. John Church which was erected further north than the Old White Church, on the same road. With permanent and large brick buildings the Ebenezer and the St. John

Churches, while still nominally one congregation, became more and more two distinct churches.

As the settlement expanded many of the members of the Swiss Church found homes in and around the villages of Bluffton and Pandora. It was but natural that the members in these two villages desired church privileges in their own towns. This sentiment grew and, with some differences that developed in the community, a sufficient provocation was provided to start a movement to provide churches in these two villages. The Grace Church was organized in 1904 and its present building was dedicated early in 1905. The First Church, Bluffton, was erected in 1906.

With four large and permanent church buildings it was but natural that there should in time be four distinct churches with their own organizations and work. For a time there were two organizations, one for each church. Gradually the members became conscious of belonging to one of the four churches rather than to one or two general organizations, embracing more than one congregation. The phenomenal growth in membership and activity of these churches, since they have become four distinct congregations, seem to justify the present type of organization.

These churches passed through the usual difficulties that attend a change of language from the German to the English. This change has now been made. Outside agencies have also sought to find adherents to new beliefs and practices. As a result several small churches have been organized in the community composed largely of people who are descendents of the original Swiss settlers. The tendency now seems to be to return to the parent body. Within the last ten or fifteen years two of these small churches have merged with the group from which they originally came.

In spite of the losses indicated above the original small settlement of Swiss Mennonites a hundred years ago has grown into four large and effective churches. Each has its own pastor, organization and activities. Professor Hirschler in his Centenary History of these churches lists the membership of these churches as follows: Ebenezer Church,

535; Grace Church, 384; St. John, 280 and First Church, 437. Not only do these churches have a large effective membership, one third of the Middle District Conference, but they have also been loyal supporters of all denominational enterprises both general and local.

These churches have furnished their full share of active Christian workers. The list of ministers and missionaries who have been reared in these churches is impressive. Not all of them serve Mennonite churches and boards, but all of them are workers in His Kingdom. Nearly twenty years ago the Mennonite Churches of Bluffton-Pandora organized the Bluffton Community Hospital. It is now operated as a community enterprise, but it was launched and financed by these four churches. These churches have the good fortune to have Bluffton College and its fine service at their doors. For more than a generation now great numbers of our young people have benefitted by its educational service. More than one hundred of its

young people have secured a full four year college course in Bluffton College and the A.B. degree. Witmarsum Seminary, too, rendered a great service for the ten years that it was operated in this community. Large sums of money have been contributed by these churches to these denominational institutions.

We believe that there is as splendid a record of service ahead of these churches in the future as there has been in the past. These one hundred years of service and growth have developed resources and instrumentalities which in the providence of God can be used mightily for good in this community and wherever the influences of these churches reach. Let those of us in the Bluffton-Pandora Mennonite churches thank God for what he has done for us and through our fathers in the past and gird our loins for a still finer and larger service in the years that lie ahead.—Paul E. Whitmer, pastor Grace Church.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE BETHESDA CHURCH HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

By J. J. Friesen

The origin of the Bethesda Church may be found in the thirty-five Mennonite families who settled here in 1874. They had left Russia, because their sons were in danger of being drafted into military service. They disposed of their homes with great sacrifice and undertook the long, tedious and dangerous journey to an untried country forming part of the American desert.

Among this group were two ministers, Elder Benjamin Ratzlaff and Rev. Heinrich Epp. Elder Ratzlaff passed into the great beyond, Oct. 30, 1874, soon after the arrival, in the immigrant house. So the first leadership may rightfully be attributed to Rev. Heinrich Epp.

Shortly after Christmas 1875, Elder Isaac Peters, who had been ordered to leave Russia, arrived in this locality, and the leadership, automatically fell to him, since church organization at that time was quite loose. He served in this capacity for a number of years. The first services were held in the

immigrant house, but when cold weather set in, they were conducted in the homes.

In the spring of 1875 Elder Peters gave catechetical instruction to a class of twelve young souls who were baptized on Pentecost, May 16, 1875, on confession of their faith, as the first fruit in the spiritual harvest.

In 1876, Rev. Gerhard Epp came from Russia and located here, which increased the ministers to three. In 1878, Brother Cornelius Wall and Johann Kliwer were elected ministers and Heinrich Pankratz as deacon. For a few years all worked harmoniously together. Then another congregation was formed which existed for about two years. For the greater part of the members of this group later joined the M. B.'s who had arrived here.

John Boehr finally bought the immigrant house and kindly turned part of it over for church services, after it was moved on his place, while he lived in the other part.

The need of an appropriate place of worship was keenly felt. So, possibly at the end of the seventies, a resolution was passed to build a church. The location caused some difficulty. The stones were hauled and unloaded in a certain place one mile north and about one half mile east of the present town of Henderson, which was founded in 1887. Then a move was made to build two church buildings. So the stones were loaded and hauled to two respective places. Finally it was decided to build only one church at a place, about one quarter mile east of where the stones had been unloaded at first.

Here in the spring and summer of 1880 a church was built 32 by 50 by 12. Brother Abraham Boese was the architect and supervised the work that was done by the members. At times more than twenty men were engaged on the building. In the fall of this year the church was dedicated and on Pentecost 1881 the first baptism services were held in the newly-erected church. Elder Peters officiated.

In 1882 some contention arose between Elder Peters and some of the elderly brethren which developed into a complete break. So Elder Peters, Rev. Heinrich Epp, Rev. Wall, and Rev. Johann Kliever, with about twenty families left the congregation, while Rev. Gerhard Epp, Deacon Heinrich Pankratz and about sixty families remained in the congregation. The leadership was then given to Rev. Epp by the remaining members.

In the fall of 1883 Elder Leonhard Suderman and Elder Wm. Ewert of Kansas, and Elder Penner of Beatrice, Nebr., responded to an invitation extended to them by the congregation. The first Sunday after their arrival a communion service was held, in which these elders officiated.

The following Monday they conducted the election of two ministers and a deacon. Deacon Pankratz had met death in an accident shortly before 1882. P. J. Friesen and Brother Regier were elected ministers and H. H. Epp, deacon. They were later installed by Elder Ewert. On Tuesday an invitation was extended to the young people, who wished to be baptized on confession of their faith. Fifty-three responded to the invitation. These then received catechetical

instruction from Rev. Epp, and on Pentecost were baptized by Elder Ewert, who came from Kansas for this purpose. On Feb. 24, 1887, Rev. Friesen was elected elder and on Oct. 25 he was installed by Elder Ewert.

In the fall of 1888 the first mission collection was taken. The mission festivities were conducted by Rev. J. B. Baer. Elder Ewert and Elder Jacob Toews of Kansas and Rev. J. K. Penner of Beatrice, Nebr., were present and served on the occasion.

Under the wise leadership of elder Friesen, the congregation grew and steadily increased in membership. In 1890 it joined the Northern District Conference and the next year the General Conference.

About 1893 the Sunday School was started by Johann Abraham. As first it was held in the afternoon and finally transferred before the Sunday morning services. The C. E. and the mission sewing society were organized in 1897.

For a time Sunday morning services were also held in school houses in different places. Once a month and on the church holiday, as Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas, all assembled in the church.

In the winter of 1906, a resolution was passed to erect a new church building. The location was the great difficulty again. Finally Henderson was selected as the most appropriate place, which caused a dark cloud to hover over the whole congregation for some time. Some withdrew and never returned, others only temporarily and came back later.

The main structure was 40 by 60 feet, two wings 16 by 32 feet each, and two galleries about 16 by 32 and 70 by 24 feet respectively. July 31, 1906, the corner stone was laid. On Dec. 16, it was dedicated to the Lord. The total cost amounted to \$9000 and the indebtedness was \$2300. The old church building was sold for \$400.

On Dec. 1, 1908, Elder Friesen celebrated his 25th anniversary as elder. He was at the time in failing health. On Dec. 25, he delivered his last sermon and it was his last appearance in the church. On March 20, 1909, he passed into the great beyond.

For about two years the congregation was without an elder. On June 6, 1910, Rev. H. H. Epp was elected elder and in all served

the congregation for 40 years, in the capacity of deacon, minister and elder. Rev. P. H. Pankratz served over 37 years as minister. On March 19, 1924, Rev. J. F. Epp was elected elder, who served for a number of years and then resigned. At the present time Elder A. W. Friesen is serving in this capacity.

Besides the foregoing persons, the following have also served as ministers at different times: Rev. Jacob Friesen, Rev. Dietrich Peters, Rev. P. H. Pankratz, Rev. H. D. Epp and possibly others.

The small congregation that made its beginning in 1874 in the midst of pioneer life has steadily grown in the 63 years.

On Aug. 27, 1931, after an annex of 26 by 72 feet was just completed, fire of an unknown origin destroyed the whole structure. After the debris of the burnt structure had been removed, a new building was erected on the same foundation and was dedicated the next spring.

In the face of God's strange guidance and blessings and the earnest strivings of our fathers, we are reminded of Jacob of old when he said: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant: for with this staff I passed over the Jordan, and now I am become two bands."



Bethesda Church, Henderson, Nebraska

COMMEMORATION OF THE COMING OF THE RUSSIAN MENNONITES TO HENDERSON, NEBRASKA

It was on October 14, 1874, when 35 families, numbering 204 individuals, of Russian Mennonites arrived in Sutton, Nebraska, and were taken to an immigrant house for lodging. This house had been built by the Burlington Railroad for the use of these immigrants and was a frame building 24 by 80 feet. It was all one large room, no partitions were placed.

In the past several attempts had been made to mark the site of this building in some fitting way. None were successful. Early in the year 1937, Henderson began to

form plans for a Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of the town, the townsite having been laid out in 1887. The churches of the community (Bethesda, M. B., and Ebenezer, all Mennonite churches) were asked to take part in the celebration of this event. Immediately the thought arose to make another attempt to mark the site of the above mentioned immigrant house. J. J. Friesen was a leader in this idea.

On March 17, five men went out in search of a stone. Northeast of Fairbury, Nebraska, a suitable boulder of prehistoric formation

was found. March 22 eighteen men went out with a county truck, the services of which were donated by the county, to bring the boulder to the former site of the Mennonite immigrant house. A bronze plate was made and fastened to the stone bearing a picture of a drawing of the immigrant house and the following inscription:

**IMMIGRANT HOUSE
ON THIS SITE GAVE
FIRST SHELTER TO
MENNONITES
OCTOBER 14, 1874
MEMORIAL TO ALL PIONEERS
DEDICATED AUG. 19, 1937**



August 19 was set for the formal dedication of this stone. All three churches united for this occasion and the following program was rendered:

Song—America

Invocation—Rev. David Hooze, M. B. Church

Song—O Beautiful

Dedication—Rev. A. W. Friesen, Bethesda Church

Why this Marker?—J. J. Friesen

Address—Dr. Addison E. Sheldon, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Historical society.

Song—O Worship the King

Prayer—Rev. J. R. Barkman, Ebenezer

A few extracts from the above addresses which might be of general interest may be reviewed here.

J. J. Friesen referred briefly to the history of the Mennonites prior to their coming to America. Their coming here was a matter of faith, they were willing to sacrifice for what they believed. What they believed was a way of living to them. "Our fathers lived simply, worked hard, trusted fully in God. Their neighbors found them to be frugal and upright." They were practical folks, well acquainted with tilling the soil. They brought to America the mulberry and the apricot.

Why this rough massive rock? In answer he cited Exodus 20:25. "If thou wilt make me an altar of stone; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it." The rough surface of the stone represents the suffering and the hardships of the pioneers, its unadorned appearance the simplicity and sobriety of the people, its bulk their faith in God, and its weight their determination.

From Dr. Sheldon's address, a few notes which show us how an outsider sees the Mennonite, suffice. With reference to the first Mennonite immigrant from Europe to the New World he quoted Whittier:

"Daniel Pastorius slowly came and stood
Reading the books of Daniel and of John,
Whereby he read what man ne'er read before,

And saw the visions man shall see no more,

Or meek-eyed Mennonist his bearded chin
Leaned o'er the gate; or Ranter, pure within
Aired his perfection in a world of sin."

"Why has the Mennonite succeeded here?" He avoided debt, practiced severe economy, was his answer. To him the religious tenets of the Mennonite seem to be summed up in the following statement:

"1. The Bible, with every man his own interpreter.

2. Church and State completely separated.

3. As little of the State as possible.

4. Non-resistance and non-compulsion in society.

5. Baptism of adults only, and that from choice of each individual."

In speaking of the Anabaptist in general he said, "The Mennonite group were the quiet kind of Anabaptist who simply required to stay at home, read the Bible and dig in the garden." According to statistics he finds that four-fifths of the Mennonites are farmers. To him that is significant to their religion. He says, "As a matter of fact, farming is much more easily yoked up with the Christian religion than business or learning, . . . In the blessed and honorable occupation of farming . . . each individual can practice toward his fellow farmers, without serious difficulty, a large part of the precept of the New Testament." To him the Mennonite seems exclusive. Quoting again he says, "Their church government to me seems like the kindergarten government. When a kindergarten child does not play harmoniously with the group, the groupsome dramatic representation.

simply withdraws from him and declines to let him play until he is willing to be a good child." He asked, what is the mission of the Mennonite people? His answer was, "Perhaps to exemplify some of the early Christian doctrines and practices which seem largely to have disappeared from the mechanistic mode of the present day." (Address is printed in **THE MENNONITE**, September 21, 1937, pp. 8-10.

In the evening a pageant "The Coming of our Fathers in 1874" was presented in words and action on an outside stage erected for the celebration. The caste numbered over fifty people. Reports are that an audience of 4000 to 5000 was present. The opinion was expressed that to convey some of our history and principles to outsiders, and also to our own youth, an effective way is by means of

H. D. Epp

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY, BALLY, PENNSYLVANIA

It is well to pause and commemorate a special event. The Hereford Mennonite Church, Bally, Penn., did so on Sunday, January 10, 1937, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organizing of a Christian Endeavor Society on January 15, 1887, by Rev. Carl H. A. Van der Smitten, James B. Funk and Andrew S. Berky.

This glorious event was opened by singing the hymn "Awake, My Soul and with the Sun." Dr. Elmer E. S. Johnson, our pastor, used an appropriate text "Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto Him, Because no man hath hired us." He spoke very fittingly of the service that Rev. Van der Smitten and the elders rendered to the church and community by organizing a Young People's Society which was later changed to a Christian Endeavor Society. Of the first 26 members, 9 are still living and two were present at our services.

A most beautiful bouquet of mixed flowers adorned the altar, the gift of Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Berky, a son and daughter-in-law of the first president, Andrew S. Berky.

The afternoon service was opened by a fitting song service of old Christian Endeavor hymns led by John H. Latshaw. A Ladies

chorus, directed by Mrs. Russel Bechtel, rendered "Holy Is The Lord." A Young Men's Quartette and a sextette of "Oldsters"—some of the older members of our C. E. Society and church favored us with a few songs. Mrs. Elmer E. S. Johnson rendered the vocal solo, "There Were Ninety and Nine."

Greetings were read by our pastor who received them from former members of the society. Visiting societies also extended congratulations. Rev. Van der Smitten, who found it impossible to be present, sent our pastor a recent photograph of himself which he unveiled during the service.

Dr. O. W. Berky, who was a small boy when the interested parties met in the parlor of his father's home to discuss the problem of the young people and the organization of a C. E. Society, spoke of some of the occurrences at that meeting and the criticisms that were received through the organization of a society.

Miss Flora K. Heebner, who is a missionary of the Schwenkfelder Church in Shansi, China, since 1904 spoke in an interesting fashion of her work there.

Ralph W. Berky, another son of the first president, wrote an appropriate Anniversary Hymn which was sung, for the first time, at the afternoon meeting.

Mae Latshaw read an early history of the society as prepared by Rev. Van der Smisen, a section of this letter is: "After having served the Hereford Congregation every fourth Sunday for a year, I was elected to preach every other Sunday. Brother James B. Funk, elder of the congregation, one day said to me: 'What can we do for our young people?' I said the same thought has come to me. I have thought of a Y.W.C.A. and a Y.M.C.A. Brother Funk said, 'I have a friend, who is secretary of a Y.M.C.A. I will and is growing every year.' We wrote to Y.M.C.A. but a Christian Endeavor Society which you need. That is something new. It was founded by Rev. F. E. Clark in 1881 and is growing every year. 'We wrote to Brother Clark and received some literature. We studied it and thought God was showing us the way. We spoke to other young people. Almost the first question was, will we make it a Mennonite Society excluding others, and the answer was unanimously NO. We will make it a Mennonite Society with an open door for others. We concluded to organize a Young People's Society with all the committees the Christian Endeavor had, but without the pledge, which was for us something new and we thought not essential.

In November or December, 1886, Joseph B. Bechtel made a business trip to Chicago and since the Convention was there, he was made the delegate for Bally. He came back with an enthusiastic report but said, we were no Christian Endeavor Society, since we had no pledge which was the distinguishing sign. We elected a committee to consider the matter prayerfully and they reported favorably for adopting the pledge. So in January, 1887, we became a real C. E. Society."

This most interesting but perhaps rather lengthy program came to a close by singing the Christian Endeavor Hymn "God Be with You till We Meet Again" and the Mizpah Benediction.

We, of the Hereford church, have a rich heritage to be the oldest society in the General Conference of the Mennonite Church of

North America. We are equally proud of this heritage, but with it comes a duty and responsibility; to live as true to our pledge and God as did our organizers, who undertook this project in our church in faith and under severe criticism. We have former friends and members of our society in most all corners of the world and, perhaps, through them, we are serving our God for good in a humble way in this congregation and community.—Mae Latshaw.

"BUS HISTORY"

Prior to 1922, the Hereford Mennonite Church through members of Sunday School classes conveyed children and adults, from Boyertown and along the way to Bally for the Sunday morning services. The conveyance consisted of a covered auto-truck owned by the late Harvey H. Latshaw of Bally. Some one appointed for the day drove the truck to Boyertown and carried the people to Bally and so again at noon, after the morning services were concluded, the people were taken to their homes.

1922, however, it was suggested and received the approval of the congregation to purchase two busses, one to operate from Boyertown, taking care of children and people there and in the towns of Bechtelsville, Eshbach and Barto who desired to come to Bally for Sunday School and worship; the other bus to set out from Pennsburg, East Greenville and along the way to Bally. From the first both busses came loaded with people. Very soon the service had to be extended so that the Boyertown Bus made two trips: on the first one coming through with the first load and then return to Barto and coming by the way of Schultzville bringing a second load of children and adults.

These busses were paid for by the congregation and the running expenses were paid out of the church treasury. After a number of years the Pennsburg, East Greenville people secured private means of conveyance, so that the bus service from that area could be discontinued. The Boyertown—Bally service was however, increased. A new and larger bus was purchased about four years ago which carried from fifty to ninety children and adults to Bally every Sunday morning; this could only be done by hauling twice each

morning and again at the close of the service.

During the past year a ballot vote of the congregation authorized the trustees to secure a new and larger and better equipped bus. They negotiated this purchase, securing a new dual wheel up to date Chevrolet bus, fully equipped with every comfort necessary to meet our needs. This new Bus went into service the first week in April. It means an outlay of \$1948.00. When payment was made the trustees had to borrow \$850.00. But this will gradually be paid. The expenses incurred annually in this Bus service we regard as real Home Missions.

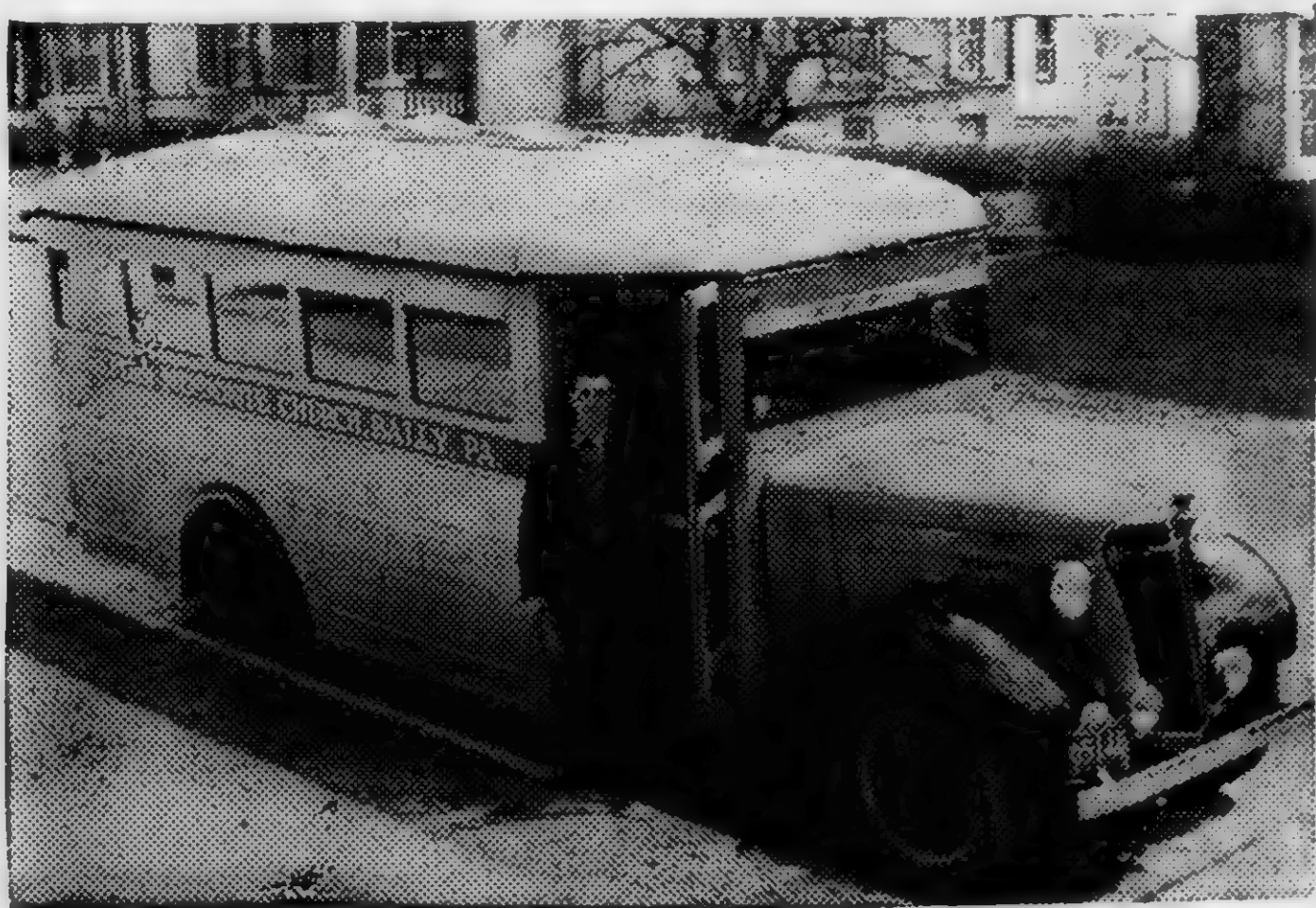
We make it possible for a hundred children and adults to be in Sunday School and church who would have little opportunity to attend but for this arrangement. Before the days of the automobile children and adults walked from Eshbach, Barto, Dale and Schultzville to Bally to Sunday School and Church; but that is now inadvisable, children and adults are no longer safe in walking on roads now used as thoroughfares for travel. We of the Bally Church are convinced that this is a service we may render the community.

It should be borne in mind that most of

the children we have carried from this area during these past 15 years have united with the churches of their own families, Boyertown, Hill Church, Niantic and Huffs. That is all right, we have at least rendered such service as we could in helping to shape their early Christian life and the religion of Jesus Christ is inclusive in a generous sense.

The Boyertown-Bally Church Bus service was in a large measure made possible these last fifteen years by the continuous service which Mr. Frank Snyder has rendered. He has been the driver for 15 years! And he has done so without pay. This service he feels is one thing he can do for Christ and the Church. We are very greatly indebted to him. The blessings which have come to him have been such as come to one who serves his fellow men for the love of mankind and a great cause.—As prepared by Dr. Elmer E. S. Johnson, the pastor.

Editor's note:—This is, so far as we know, the only Mennonite congregation in America that operates a Church Bus for the use of its members. The article above was clipped from a local newspaper by the Hereford Church Press Agent, Miss Mae Latshaw. This is also the editor's Old Home Church—a very familiar spot, to him.



HEREFORD CHURCH BUS

HOW "THE MENNONITE" CAME TO BE

By N. B. Grubb, Pastor Emeritus
of the First Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

While enroute to the General Conference session which was to convene in Berne, Indiana, November 6, 1884, Rev. A. B. Shelly and I were traveling companions on the Lake Shore Railroad from Cleveland to Toledo, Ohio. I suggested to Brother Shelly that there was a need for an English Church paper to be published in the East and under the control of the Eastern District Conference, so that our young people who did not read the German, could be made acquainted with the affairs of the Church. We finally concluded that after our return home from the General Conference, we would take up this matter with the other brethren. We then invited them to meet with us on December 8, 1884. Those who responded to this invitation were, A. B. Shelly, A. M. Fretz, C. H. van der Smitten and the writer, ministers and Isaiah T. Clymer and U. S. Stauffer, laymen. After a long discussion it was decided that such a plan could not then be carried out and the project was entirely abandoned.

Still feeling certain that such a paper was needed, I invited Brother A. M. Fretz to my study. After considering the whole matter, we decided to prepare a sixteen page prospectus and publish one thousand copies of it, to be called "The Mennonite", and present this to the Eastern Conference which was to convene at Bowmansville, Pa., on October 6, 1885, hoping that the plan would be favorably received, but if rejected, we would publish "The Mennonite," as a personal enterprise with the favorable action of the Conference.

The Conference met in due time, the plan was considered and the action was favorable to the prospectus. The Conference then appointed a committee, viz: N. B. Grubb, A. B. Shelly and A. M. Fretz.

The Conference minutes show that the following action was taken, viz: "The Conference recognizes the need of an English Church paper through which the young members, our young people in general, and all such who do not read our German papers, may be made acquainted with our Church affairs. It therefore greets with pleasure the prospectus of an English paper—The Mennonite—as published and laid before the Conference by two of our brethren. Conference undertakes the publishing of this paper by electing a committee of three brethren, whose duty it shall be to edit the same and have it published. Conference further pledges itself, in case deficits should occur, to pay for such out of the Conference treasury. As compensation for their labors for the first year, the committee is to receive the excess of income over and above the cost of publication. The committee consists of the brethren, N. B. Grubb, A. M. Fretz and A. B. Shelly.

The Conference authorizes the publication committee to draw money out of the Conference treasury to the amount of \$150, if necessary, to defray current expenses. The money thus drawn out is to be paid back into the treasury from the income of the paper, at the earliest convenience."

As promised, I was the leading editor and Brother Fretz contributed most liberally. After six years, A. S. Shelly became the editor and served until the paper was taken over by the Publication Board. No editor received any remuneration until then.

OUR SCHOOLS

BETHEL COLLEGE

The history of Bethel College is a story of struggle and growth. God has seen fit to bless the school in many ways. Among the finest recent blessings is an increased devotion to and sacrifice for the cause of Chris-

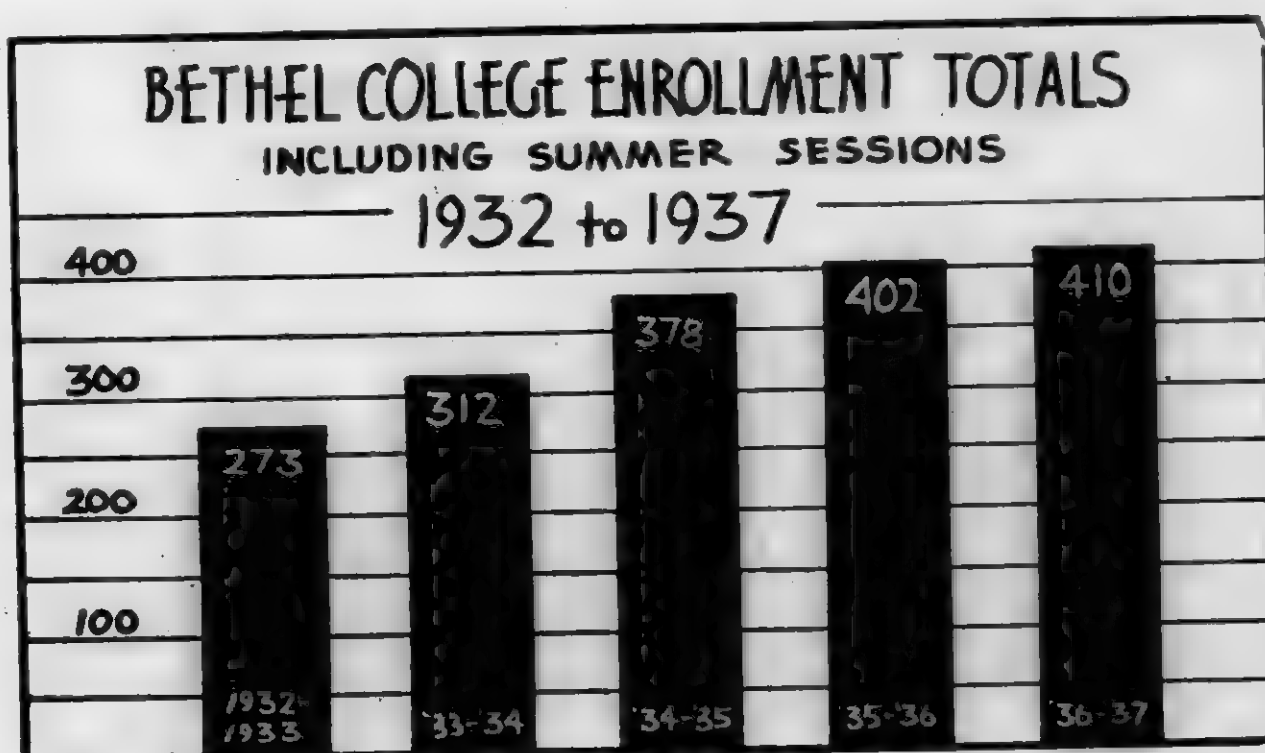
tian education among many old friends and among others who at times were indifferent. The Mennonites are awakening to a responsibility of caring for the child of the Mennonite church, Bethel College. Then, too, the child has drawn closer to the mother, largely through the effective work of the Bethel

College Fellowships, whose aims are seven-fold:

1. To pray for Bethel
2. To talk for Bethel
3. To suggest improvements at Bethel
4. To help our people get better acquainted with Bethel
5. To call Bethel's attention to prospective students
6. To encourage prospective students to attend Bethel
7. To encourage individuals to make a definite annual financial contribution to Bethel

cial progress of Bethel College during the ten-year period of 1926 to 1936:

Among the many improvements in plant equipment made during the past four years are the following: extension of chapel; new organ; practical completion of science hall basement; dwelling house for dairy farm; Schneider Cottage; Goessel Hall; sound motion picture projector; printshop; dormitory rooms on third floor of White House, Goerz Hall, and Leisy Home; speech classroom and art room on third floor of the administration building; college farm with cows, barn, silo, tractor, milk cooler, all-crop harvester, etc.;



Repeatedly the school has acknowledged her weakness and her mistakes, and has made a plea for help and guidance. Repeatedly the friends of Bethel have responded to her needs. This new bond of mutual dependence and love has expressed itself in many ways.

First, the Mennonite churches are sending more of their young people to Bethel College than ever before in the history of the school. The chart above indicates the growth in enrollment during the past five years:

Of course, with increased numbers attending the school comes a need for more dormitory space, more classrooms, more laboratory facilities, more faculty members, as well as more and larger contributions to care for these needs. In response to these new demands, many friends of Bethel, both Mennonites and others, have given liberally, and a few have given sacrificially. The chart on page 24 indicates the phenomenal finan-

balcony seats in chapel; typewriters; addressing equipment; new offices, curb; and singing tower.

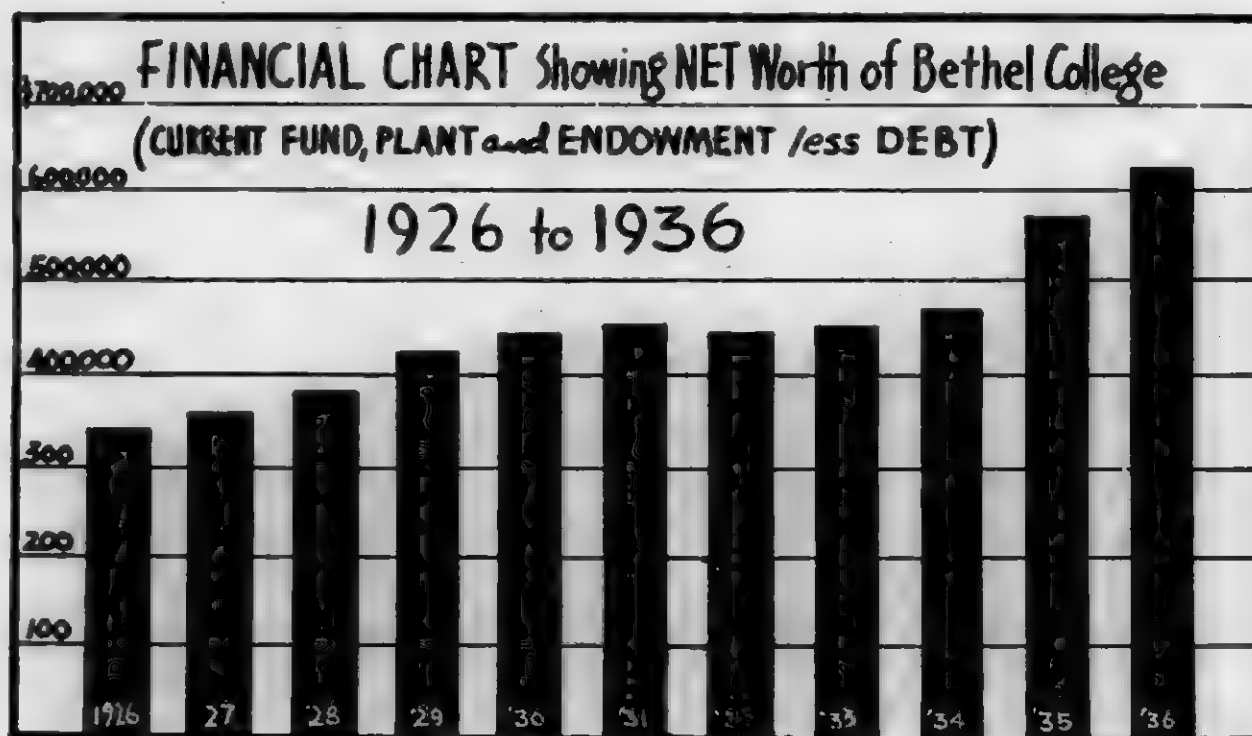
The cornerstone of the Bethel administration building was laid October 12, 1888. Then, we are told, many Mennonites lacked sufficient interest to give liberally and complete the task. They spoke to the leaders discouragingly. They even suggested giving up the task. But fortunately there were enough men with vision, charity, and courage to complete the task which had been begun. In 1893 the school was opened.

Certainly none of us would be satisfied with letting the Golden Anniversary of this school, this monument of faith in God and love for fellowmen, come and go without making a great effort to encourage the work as much as possible. Many are hoping that before October 12, 1938, the school indebtedness will be eliminated, the endowment fund will be increased, and a memorial hall will

be completed. This memorial hall will not be built, however, until funds for its construction are on hand. The board of directors believes that the attempt to create a memorial fund of \$300,000 is not more impossible for us than the task of building the Bethel College administration building on the open Kansas prairies must have been for those whose lives of service we wish to commemorate. The following lines by Daniel H. Burnham express the spirit of the founders of Bethel:

proposed memorial hall, which is to meet the urgent needs for an adequate dining hall, auditorium, physical education plant for men and women, and student union purposes. This building is necessary if Bethel College is to meet the urgent needs of its increased enrollment. Already four attics have been converted into rooms. Ground has even been excavated from under the front steps of the administration building to make room for more library books.

To attempt anything less to commemorate



"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work. Remember that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing, asserting itself with evergrowing insistency. Remember that our sons and grandsons are going to do things that would stagger us. THINK BIG!"

Perhaps some Mennonite family blessed with unusual prosperity will find it God's will for them to invest \$50,000 in the Christian education of future student generations at Bethel College. Perhaps 250 other Mennonite families will decide to perpetuate the loving memory of their progenitors by making \$1,000 contributions to the memorial fund. Some will want to give to help balance the current budget, others to reduce the indebtedness, others to increase the endowment fund, and it is hoped that thousands will want to have a share in giving to the

the Golden Anniversary of the oldest Mennonite college in North America would certainly be unworthy of a people whose forefathers have suffered four centuries of persecution that we might bring the Gospel of the Prince of Peace to an embittered, war-torn world. We believe that this is the greatest single purpose of Bethel College. And as we increase the work of our college, we enlarge and strengthen our churches and our missions—the harvest field which is waiting for many more consecrated and well-trained laborers willing to work in His Kingdom.

—Willis E. Rich

BLUFFTON COLLEGE

At the opening of the 1937-38 school year, Bluffton College is facing the future with confidence. The following are some of the reasons contributing to this spirit.

First, there is a more general recognition among the Christian people that Christian

education is a necessity. If our young people are not to be placed in danger of losing their religion, it is necessary that the church have her schools. Other institutions can not, because of their public nature, or will not, because of their desire, teach religion. Christ is needed in education, and the church schools must offer Him to our young people.

Bluffton College is one of the schools organized and set apart for this purpose. Those who have her interests at heart believe that God will bless this institution and make available those things that are needed.

Second, the church needs colleges. All denominations have their schools, and so they must. A denomination without its own training schools can not exist indefinitely.

To the degree that any denomination attempts to get along without its own schools it will be more exposed to diversified opinions and subject itself to lesser cohesion among its leaders.

Bluffton College is recognized by many as one of the institutions serving the Mennonite church. The college appreciates her many supporters, and hopes to increase her list of friends and more fully serve the church.

Third, the success of the refinancing of Bluffton College. Coming now to reasons more definitely connected with this institution, we cite the program of the refinancing project as lending confidence in the future of the institution. Through this particular program the institution is being put on a more sound financial basis.

This is being done by a plan whereby the pledges made to the institution are set aside to pay the obligations, and the bonds are extended for ten years.

The response met with in the payment of pledges has been very encouraging and there is every prospect that a very substantial payment will be made to all creditors. There is considerable property back of the bonds which should help to liquidate them when they become due.

Fourth, the enrollment since its twenty-seven per cent increase in the fall of 1935 has held up to the higher level established at that time. During the year 1936-37 the total enrollment was 279 of which 43 were not of college rank. Of these 212 were in

attendance during the regular school year, of which 78 were Mennonites. The student body came from the various states as follows: Ohio, 233; Pennsylvania, 18; Illinois, 13; Indiana, 6; Iowa, Michigan, and New York each 2; Minnesota, Missouri, and New Jersey each 1.

The enrollment for the school year of 1937-38 is still incomplete at this writing, but the prospects are that the attendance will average about the same as the previous year.

Finally, the deciding factors as to the future of the institution seem to be two. One is that the school must win more friends and serve a larger proportion of the Mennonite churches in the eastern part of the country. There is no doubt but that a united Mennonite group loyally back of the institution could help to make it one of the best of its kind.

Tied up with this is the problem of increasing the endowment. Bluffton College must find supporters who will create the necessary endowment fund for the institution.

While attention must be directed toward both of these ends, the first essential is that the institution and her work be pleasing to God in whose power it is to make available all things needed. To serve Him and to trust His promises provides a challenge of faith in these days of facing the future with great needs, yet with-all a great work to do.

A. S. Rosenberger, President

A CAPELLA CHOIR — BLUFFTON COLLEGE

The Bluffton College vesper choir was organized over twenty years ago. The purpose of the choir was to give opportunity to serious-minded students to sing the best sacred literature and to present this sacred literature at the college vesper services held twice monthly. The choir was robed and numbered twelve to fifteen voices.

The first conductor was Prof. G. A. (Dad) Lehman, then Director of the College Department of Music, who served in this capacity so faithfully for twelve years and who is now Director of Music at the Colgate-Rochester Seminary, Rochester, New York. Following Prof. Lehman, Miss Ruth Kreh-

biel, daughter of Rev. H. J. Krehbiel, now Mrs. Jacobs of New York, conducted the choir. Mrs. Jacobs maintained the high musical standards set by Prof. Lehman. She increased the personnel to fifteen or twenty voices and presented a limited number of concerts in neighboring churches. Mrs. Jacobs resigned in 1928 and Prof. Russell A. Lantz took over the direction of the choir. The membership was increased until now it averages between fifty and sixty voices. In 1934 the choir made its first tour through Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. In 1935 a tour was made through the East and during the past season the choir made a twenty-six hundred mile tour that extended to our Mennonite friends in Kansas and Nebraska. This tour was the result of an invitation by Pres. Ed. G. Kaufman of Bethel College and dates were arranged through the courtesy of Prof. Hohmann of Bethel College and the pastors of the various churches where the choir appeared; namely, Pretty Prairie, Rev. Musselma; Halstead, Rev. Wedel; Hillsboro, Rev. Epp; Buhler, Rev. Suderman; Goessel, Revs. Unruh and Richert; Moundridge, Rev. P. P.

Wedel; Newton, Rev. Enns and Rev. Warkentin; Bethel College, Rev. Smucker, and Beatrice, Nebraska, Rev. Horsch. The choir appeared in the Bethel College chapel in a joint program with the Bethel choir. The two choirs united in the rendition of "Beautiful Savior" by Christiansen, a fitting climax to the visit at Bethel College. A fine spirit of fellowship prevailed at all times and the Bluffton choir will never forget the fine hospitality shown them. It was a positive means of bringing our two conferences and colleges closer together and did much to strengthen the bonds of friendship.

Aside from the tours, the choir presents a dozen programs a year in the various churches, mainly in northern Ohio. All choir members are automatically members of the college Choral Society or the college orchestra. The same purpose that inspired the founders of the vesper choir still prevails and each week on Wednesday and Fridays, from three to four-thirty, you will find the choir rehearsing enthusiastically the great choral works.—Russel A. Lantz, Director of Department of Music, Bluffton College.



BLUFFTON COLLEGE A CAPELLA CHOIR 1937

FREEMAN JUNIOR COLLEGE

J. D. Unruh, Pres.

The inception of Freeman Junior College came in response to a feeling, existent

among the Mennonite immigrants who came to Dakota from Russia in the 1870's, that the German language should be maintained, and, that there should be some Biblical instruction given to their children. Besides, they needed

teachers for their day schools and why could not their own school supply them in time? This feeling sprang into reality when on December 14, 1900, Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State of South Dakota for the founding of South Dakota Mennonite College (later changed to Freeman College). Actual instruction did not begin until the fall of 1903, however.

During the 34 years of the school's existence more than 400 students have graduated from its various departments. They have gone into practically all walks of life. Many of course have become farmers and homemakers right in the surrounding community. Some have become ministers, lawyers, dentists, business men and many have gone into the ranks of the teaching profession.

The influence of the school has thus been felt on a wide spread front. At all times there has been evident a seriousness of purpose in it all. Teachers, board members, and supporters of the institution have ever felt that the work was God's and, to that end, have been willing to give liberally of their time and means.

In last year's total enrollment of 148 students, 6 different branches of Mennonites were represented through 15 different congregations. Only 6 students indicated that they did not belong to any church and of these some were too young to have joined. Thirteen were non-Mennonite church members.

Twenty-six students graduated from the Normal Department in the spring of 1937. All of these who were interested in teaching have been placed. Freeman Junior College teachers are making good records in their positions as well. County Superintendents in some of the regions far removed from the College are continually asking us to send them more teachers.

And so the work goes on. This fall more than 40 students have registered in the Normal Department. All told, there are 150 students of whom 61 are college students. The remainder are high school students. Eleven full-time teachers carry on the work of instruction. The faculty members are:

John D. Unruh, A.M., U. of S. Dak., Pres.
Benj. P. Waltner, A.M., U. of S. Dak., Dean of College

Caroline Waltner, A.M., Columbia, Director of Normal Training

J. H. Graber, A.B., Yankton, Prin. of the Academy

D. S. Wipf, A.B., Dakota Wesleyan, Director of Bible Department

Gerhard J. Toews, A.B., Bluffton, Director of Music

Edwin P. Graber, A.M., U. of S. Dak., Director of Athletics

Albert Schwartz, A.M., U. of S. Dak., Director Manual Training

Aganetha Loewen, A.B., Wheaton, English, Dean of Women

Harold Gross, A.B., Bethel College, Psychology and Education

Marie Waldner, A.B., Augustana, Social Science and Language

OKLAHOMA BIBLE ACADEMY

J. B. Frey, Superintendent

The Oklahoma Bible Academy was founded by our churches in Oklahoma during the serious days of the World War, in order that they might have a school where their young people would get a good and solid Bible training, and where the "Faith of our Fathers," is held high. These churches realized the great need of religious training in such times.

Such a school is needed in Oklahoma in which Church and Sunday School workers may be trained for the home churches, in both the German and the English language, in line with the needs of the churches.

The O. B. A. with its religious training, strives to bring the students into closer fellowship with Christ and lead those to Him who have not as yet found Him.

The school offers a full four year High School course and all students must take a full unit of Bible work each year. For such who desire to prepare for evangelistic, mission, Sunday School, gospel or any other church work, a two or three year distinctly Bible course is provided, with the privilege of taking some academic work with it.

A special two month Bible course is offered this year for the first time for evangelists, Sunday School teachers and other workers who can not take a full year's work.

The course in evangelism is quite practical in that opportunity is offered to visit the sick

and old in the home and hospital. Opportunity is given for practical work in street meetings, Sunday School and missions.

This school is under the management of a committee of seven, two chosen by the Oklahoma Convention, and five by the O.B.A. Society. The support comes from the members of this Society, from tuition fees and from general contributions and offerings.

The school provides dormitory and dining hall facilities for all students from a distance, under the supervision of the school.

The Board of Directors is composed of the following:

President, Adam Ratzlaff, Orienta
V. Pres., Solomon Mouttet, Inola
Sec., H. W. Jantz, Ringwood
Treas., Nelson Wedel, Ringwood
J. C. Ratzlaff, Meno; J. P. Reimer, Medford and J. P. Unruh, Meno.

OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Bethel College (1887)—Bethel College, Kansas. Edmund G. Kaufman, Ph.D., President. Enrollment 1936-37: 412.

Bluffton College (1900)—Bluffton, Ohio. A. S. Rosenberger, A.M., President. Enrollment 1936-37: 246.

Freeman Junior College—Freeman, South Dakota. John D. Unruh, A.M., President. Enrollment 1936-37: 148.

Witmarsum Theological Seminary—Bluffton, Ohio. (has not been open since 1930) Rev. E. Troyer, Carlock, Ill., President of Board of Trustees.

Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, Manitoba: Leader, Gerhart Peters. Enrollment 1936-37: 50.

German English Academy, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Oklahoma Bible Academy, Meno, Oklahoma (1911)—Leader, Rev. J. B. Frey. Enrollment 1936-37: 53.

The Mennonites of Canada maintain fifteen local Bible Schools in the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. These are mostly for only a five months term.

Bible Schools are maintained by congregations in Mountain Lake, Minn., Henderson and Beatrice, Nebraska, Dallas, Oregon, and Lustre, Montana.

MENNONITE HOMES AND HOSPITALS

These institutions are controlled by independent corporations except the Home for the Aged in Frederick, Pa., which is owned and supported by the East. Dist. Conference.

Homes for the Aged

1. 1896—Mennonite Home for the Aged, Frederick, Pennsylvania. William Babel, Superintendent.

2. 1899—Bethesda Home for the Aged, Goessel, Kansas. Miss Margaretha Richert, Sister in charge.

3. 1918—Old People's Home of the Berghthaler Mennonite Congregation, Gretna, Manitoba. Johann Buhr, Superintendent.

4. 1921—Bethel Home for the Aged, Mountain Lake, Minn. Miss Margaret Janzen, Sister in charge.

5. 1925—Bethel Home for the Aged, Newton, Kansas. Miss Helena Entz, Sister in charge.

Girls' Homes in Canada

1. 1926—Mennonite Girls' Home, 412 Bannatyne Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Miss Helena Epp, Superintendent.

2. 1931—Mennonite Girls' Home, 337 5th St., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Rev. J. J. Thiessen, Superintendent.

3. 1936—Mennonite Girls' Home, 2331 W. 47 Ave., Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Rev. Jacob Wiens, Superintendent.

Hospitals and Deaconess Homes

1. 1900—Bethesda Hospital, Goessel, Kans.

2. 1905—Bethel Hospital and Deaconess Home, Mountain Lake, Minn.

3. 1908—Bethel Hospital and Deaconess Home, Newton, Kans. Sister Frieda Kaufman, Superintendent.

4. 1911—Mennonite Deaconess Home and Hospital, Beatrice, Nebr. Sister Sarah Rempel, R.N., Sister in charge.

5. 1917—Salem Deaconess Home and Hospital, Salem, Oregon. Franz F. Wedel, Superintendent.

6. 1927—Concordia Mennonite Hospital, 437 Desalaberry St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada. Sister Magdalene Wiebe, Superintendent.

7. 1920—Bluffton Community Hospital, Bluffton, Ohio. Property belongs to municipality. Seven of the nine Board members are Mennonites.

These hospitals are not all fully controlled by General Conference Mennonites.

THE WORK OF PUBLICATION

J. R. THIERSTEIN, Chairman Board of Publication

A brief review of this phase of our Conference activities during the year 1937 reveals both encouraging and discouraging features. Among the latter our Board regretfully had to accept the resignation of the manager of our Mennonite Book Concern, Brother F. J. Wiens, who left the business July 1. Happily the assistant manager, Brother Fred von Gunten, had been with the business long enough to be able to carry on and is now satisfactorily serving us acting manager. The reorganization following this change resulted in a saving of \$780.00 to the Concern for the current financial year.

The annual report of the business, at the close of the fiscal year July 1, showed a deficit of \$315.63. This, however, could be offset by subscriptions in arrears on **THE MENNONITE** which amounted to more than \$600.00 at the time. Hence, it may be said, the Book Concern and publication work is temporarily carrying itself, but is in need of a surplus.

Another discouraging feature is the fact that fully sixty percent of the homes in our Conference do not take and read either one of our Conference papers. And the efforts that have been made to induce these families to subscribe for one of the papers, in which ministers and church boards were asked to cooperate, did not bring the desired results. We will either have to put a man in the field to solicit subscriptions, which would be quite expensive, or some of our ministers and church boards will have to push the matter more seriously.

Among the encouraging things is the splendid reception which our Sunday schools have given our own new "Christian Sunday School Quarterly," for which the Editors, the Boards of Education and Publication are truly grateful. All but a very few of the Sunday schools needing English quarterlies are now using our own. 13,000 copies and nearly a thousand leaflets were required to fill the orders for the fourth quarter of 1937.

We have also been much encouraged by

and are very grateful to the churches who helped create a fund for the establishment of a book depository or branch bookstore for our brethren in Canada, which project became necessary, because adverse importation laws make it almost impossible for our Book Concern to do business there. To induce others to make use of wholesome, Christian literature, is missionary work. Would that more of our families might come to see the need of cultivating, in their homes, the habit of reading books and other material with lasting spiritual values, rather than stuff of merely passing effect! The net amount thus far given for the depository is \$2171.16. And Brother Toews, who faithfully solicited in the States, hopes to raise a few hundred dollars more in Canada. At this time preparations are under way to start the store in the offices of the Canadian Board of Colonization, at Rosthern, Saskatchewan. May we all remember this new undertaking in our prayers, that blessings may accrue from it!

The Committee appointed to revise our Mennonite Hymn Book, to make it more serviceable, is progressing as well as their time allows. They plan to be ready with a report to the next Conference. We have as yet no information from the Canadian Committee on a German song book.

A few years ago, when the Book Concern was facing bankruptcy, our Board was compelled to bring our printing west to save money, first to Hillsboro, then to Newton, Kansas, **THE MENNONITE**, the **CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY**, **DER KINDERBOTE-JUNIOR MESSENGER** and the **YEAR BOOK** now being printed at the Bethel College Printshop, and **DER BUNDESBOTE**, **LEKTIONSHEFT** and **BUNDESBOTE KALENDER** by the Herald Publishing Company. As new editors were needed, those available for the small salary which the Board can pay, happened to be located near Newton, so that our publication work, with the exception of the Bookstore, is now largely centered in and near that town. Resolution No. 63 of the Hutchinson

session of the Conference points to such a move. It reads, "The General Conference grants the Board of Publication authority to relocate our publication work and bookstore to some other city, if such a change should seem advisable." Newton has this in its favor. It is the hub of our churches in the States. Within a radius of 150 miles about 50 of our churches are located. It is the seat of our largest college. Our General Conference charter was taken out under the laws of the State of Kansas and states, "The place where the business of the corporation pertaining to secular affairs of said General Conference is to be transacted, shall be Newton and Halstead, Harvey County, Kansas."

Recently a Conference-minded Brother in Newton offered to give the Executive Committee of the Conference the deed to a large brick building, with choice location on the main business street of the city, and now used by the Herald Publishing Company as bookstore and printshop, on very liberal annuity terms. The offer also holds out a favorable option on an adjoining brick building, all for the purpose of providing the Conference with ample room for offices, book store, and printshop. The Executive Committee, during the sessions of the Western District Conference, Oct. 20-22, which all members attended, met several times to weigh the offer carefully, and took a favorable stand toward it.

In connection herewith it may be said that it is not impossible that the Herald Publishing Co. with bookstore, the Bethel College Printshop, and the Conference publication work, may in due time be merged into one united concern, under the control of the Conference, to render much needed service to the entire Conference, its districts, churches, schools, and individuals under the most favorable terms possible. Here some will

say, what would then happen to the Bookstore at Berne, Indiana. With regard to this question, it can be stated, that the Executive Committee as well as the Board of Publication are of the opinion that there is room for a more local store there and a larger, main one at Newton. The good people of Berne must not be deprived of the valuable moral asset of a religious bookstore in their midst, which they have so loyally partonized through the years.

This brings us to the last point, that of the need of a fund of at least \$10,000 with which to purchase a printing plant, and whatever goes with it, whether we go it alone or combine with one existing. The Conference has given us permission to solicit money for that purpose, in resolutions passed at the Bluffton session, in 1933. Res. 68b reads, "The Conference gives the Board of Publication permission to purchase and operate a printing plant," and Res. 69b, "that the Board be allowed to send a man into the field . . . to create a fund for the purpose of buying a printing plant."

Fortunately the dear couple, Brother and Sister L. M. Leydig of Upland, California, have given this fund a splendid start by a gift of \$1000. To this have been added small amounts sent in by some churches, until there is a total of approximately \$1960 in our treasury for this purpose. After trying for some months to get a suitable man to take the field to do the soliciting, we are happy to state that the brother now seems to have been found, and should be ready to begin work with the new year or possibly earlier.

May we ask the ministers and the members of our churches to help this brother expedite his efforts and to respond liberally to his solicitations and to remember him as well as the work of the publication in their prayers, to the end that we may all do what is pleasing to God.

THE PEACE COMMITTEE GOES FORWARD

by E. L. Harshbarger, Chairman

"Depart from evil, and DO good; seek peace, and PURSUE it." Psalm 34:14.

In these days when two major wars are in progress, when all nations are engaged in

a race for armaments, when secular peace movements are bewildered as to the next step, when our own people may soon be called upon to witness for their historic

peace doctrine, it is imperative that the work of the Peace Committee be enlarged and studied carefully. Realizing that many peace activities are purely secular, we ought to exert ourselves so much the more to hold high the banner of Christian peace. It is not enough to love peace and seek it in a passive manner; we must pursue it through a definitely planned program which shall touch all our members and the world in general. The gospel of Christian peace which the Mennonite church has espoused these four hundred years is the very thing the world needs. Will we help to spread this gospel to other lands and peoples?

In addition to numerous Scriptural commands and the expressed commission of our Lord to preach the whole gospel to every creature, there are today several other reasons which should prompt increased peace action by the Mennonites. First, there is the request for aid and guidance coming from other denominations who are swinging to the Christian view of opposition to war. Second, the peace movement seriously needs the religious emphasis which the historic peace churches can best give. Third, our people must be informed and trained to meet any emergencies which are likely to arise in the near future. Fourth, and very significant but little discussed, our missionary activities in certain backward areas may be unable to withstand the effects of another major war. Such a war will inevitably bring social revolution either of the godless Communist type or of the Fascist type where religion is placed in a straight-jacket. Neither type is friendly toward foreign missionary activity. The records of the last war and the testimony of many missionaries on the field verify this assertion.

In view of these demands for action the Peace Committee has set up the following program for itself. Our purpose is, first, to formulate and disseminate widely a statement of the Christian view of war and peace as held by Mennonites, and a statement of our conception of Christian patriotism. This has already been done through our papers and in the last year book. Secondly, we propose to cooperate with the Friends, the

Church of the Brethren and other historic peace churches on the basis of the aforementioned statements. Third, we urge an increasing emphasis upon training our members in times of peace so that they may be able to work together in an intelligent, Christian manner in the event of war. Fourth, we would foster a program of peace education which will strengthen our historic peace beliefs; furnish our members with information which will enable them to act intelligently as Christian citizens in a democracy; and teach others to accept the position of the historic peace churches. Fifth, we urge sacrificial giving for peace as a part of our distinctive mission to the world. Sixth, we are making a study of the possibilities of sacrificial service in peace and war.

It is hoped that the pulpit, our colleges and schools, and all our homes will cooperate to render this program effective through suitable literature, discussion groups, sermons, conferences, stories, resolutions, posters, and various other projects.

With minor modifications this program of action has been adopted already by the Peace Committee of the Western District Conference.

The Peace Committee is also of the opinion that our colleges should be encouraged to build up peace libraries for use by the Mennonite constituency. Beginnings of such important work have been made already at Bethel and Bluffton colleges. We hope the constituency will send in any material which will be useful.

Such a program must have financial support. As yet our conference has made no arrangement for such support. How long must the Peace Committee, representing one of the great distinctive doctrines of the church, go begging for funds? At this time, especially, we are in dire need of money to publish three pamphlets which were authorized by the last General Conference, and which are now ready for publication.

With faith in the righteousness and ultimate success of our cause, and with confidence in the loyalty and support of our brethren, we, your Peace Committee, go forward with a program for the promulgation of Christian peace.

THE MENNONITE PEACE SOCIETY, BLUFFTON, OHIO

THE MENNONITE PEACE SOCIETY is a Mennonite Inter-Conference Peace organization, seeking the cooperation of Mennonites in particular, though welcoming any friends whose pacifism is grounded in Religious Experience. We have no quarrel with economic, humanitarian or political pacifists. However, we are convinced that Religious Pacifism goes deeper, and in the end, is the only approach which will ultimately bring the spirit of reconciliation and brotherhood to a warring world. The relations of Man to God and to his Fellowman are basic to a permanent world order of Justice, Love, Peace.

The Past Year

The Peace Society is just in its infancy; hardly crawling, to say nothing of walking or running. But the past year has been busy, hopeful, and we trust, helpful in many areas.

Besides visiting many of the local congregations in several conferences, the executive secretary and counsellors planned and carried out a number of activities. Among the more important ones were: (1) A three-day peace emphasis on the Bluffton College Campus, Nov. 8-11, 1936; (2) One-day institute at Central Conference Ministerial Meeting, Carlock, Illinois, Nov. 11, 1936; (3) Participation in a two-day conference of Historic Peace Churches, N. Manchester, Indiana, March 12-13, 1937; (4) One-day institute at Goshen, Indiana, March 14, 1937, with five churches cooperating; (5) One-day institute at Donnellson, Iowa, March 16, 1937, with four churches cooperating; (6) Work by Mrs. Landes among the coal miners of western Pennsylvania; (7) Mennonite-Brethren-Quaker Volunteer Work Camp, on the campus of a Quaker Mission School, among Seneca Indians on the Allegheny Reservation, Quakerbridge, N. Y., July 9-August 20, 1937.

This work is not done perfectly. There have been obvious handicaps: we are cutting our way through untrodden Mennonite Forests (this is interesting and thrilling, but cutting underbrush is always a handicap); we haven't been able to visit communities often enough to keep work going with some degree of regularity and con-

tinuity; the executive secretary has been living in Pennsylvania, the executive committee in Bluffton, Ohio, (we thought this would work out advantageously, but find it a definite hinderance to the work. Plans are under way for the executive secretary and family to move to Bluffton, Ohio, this fall); lack of finances in a new venture is always a handicap, but the executive secretary has been in the field long enough to have faith that Mennonites will contribute all money needed if a real peace program is put in the field. If you will be patient and helpful concerning our weaknesses, and put your shoulder to the wheel, we can make a small contribution to the Brotherhood of the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Plans for Coming Year

These plans are tentative, and may be altered and others substituted for, or added to them; but in general our work this fall will center in five fields: (1) Regional Conferences, which are being contemplated in cooperation with the Continuation Committee of the Peace Churches. These are now but a dream; though dreams do often come true. (2) Sharing the Mission-to-Spain, with Friends, Brethren and other Mennonite groups. (3) An active program for Bluffton College Campus. (4) Plans for 1938 Volunteer Work Camps, in cooperation with Friends and Brethren. (5) Work with institutes, study groups, etc. (6) Positive peace sentiment, which will keep the U.S. out of war, should we Christians fail in our effort for preventing a world war.

With "civil war" in Spain now in its 14th month (September 1937); and with Japan "defending" herself in China in an undeclared war, the world situation calls for every ounce of faith in God and Man we can muster, and for a positive program of Goodwill and Brotherhood.

War is not "inevitable." The Cross is still "the power of God unto salvation, to them that believe". But we who "follow the Prince of Peace" must "take up our cross," and, in fellowship with Jesus Christ, be willing to walk the path of Brotherhood, even though it may mean walking through the Garden and climbing Golgotha.

Peace will not come by "wishing for it," not by "talking about it." Peace is dependent upon Man's relation to God, to Christ, to his Fellowman. Therefore THE MENNONITE PEACE SOCIETY has taken as its PURPOSE: "'Peace on earth' through Personal and Group Regeneration". That purpose will consume time, effort, money, labor,

LOVE. Will YOU share our peace testimony? Will YOU share that testimony NOW, while there is hope of averting another world war? We invite you.

THE MENNONITE PEACE SOCIETY
Bluffton—Ohio

Helen Diller,
Sec.-Treas.

Carl J. Landes,
Executive Secretary

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

D. D. EITZEN, PRESIDENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

This work of the General Conference Young People's Committee has never shown signs of precocity but there are evidences of normal development. One of our first aims was to bring about a feeling of solidarity as is suggested in the Young People's motto: "A United Mennonite Youth in Christ". We are, comparatively speaking, a very small denomination but our lack of effectiveness is far more due to the fact that we are so widely scattered. Except for a few localities where Mennonites are concentrated, most of our young people attend isolated small churches and are in many cases quite unmindful of their being a part of an army of organized Mennonite youth throughout North America. Moreover they often (perhaps unwittingly) have "sold out" in allegiance and loyalty to other groups.

Our efforts in this direction have been in terms of organization. The present one is still quite unsatisfactory in that it is too loose and merely nominal. It consists of a general chairman and one representative from each District Conference. There is, however, as yet no constitution which outlines objectives and prescribes methods of procedure. The District Conference representatives of the General Conference Y.P.'s Committee can merely agitate and suggest and make general reports. This is perhaps as it ought to be in its early stages of development, but it seems that the time has come when a more authoritative organization would be generally acceptable.

The committee has therefore worked out a tentative constitution, giving opportunity for choice of one of two possible relationships with the boards of the conference:

1. That the Y.P.'s committee be regarded

as an auxiliary of the Board of Education and that the chairman of the Y.P.'s committee be one of the regular members of the Education Board

2. That the executive committee of the Y.P.'s organization become one of the Conference Boards with the chairman of this Y.P.'s Board as a member of the General Conference Executive Committee.

In either case the District Conference representatives on the General Conference Y.P.'s Committee are to be the presidents of the Y.P.'s organization of their respective districts (elected for three years by their respective organizations).

Besides the problem of organization, the Committee has endeavored to foster a feeling of solidarity among our young people (a) Through the pages of the Y.P.'s Department of the Mennonite; (b) interchange of retreaters; (c) interchange of retreat leaders; (d) the work of the Conference field secretary; (e) letters of greeting and incidental reports to Young People's Conventions.

Another effective factor in the amalgamation of our youthful forces is the challenge of a cause or "job" we all have in common. Possible causes are: (a) college and seminary scholarships; (b) The Institute of International Relations; (c) missions (and others). With regard to the first one, not only would such scholarships be a great blessing to certain deserving students and eventually higher education would come before our young people in an impressive and, to be sure, not repulsive way. The same can be said in regard to any of the other causes.

According to our motto, this desired solidarity must be built around a core—"in

Christ". It is significant that first century Christianity did not emphasize method but power. Paul, its leader, never mentions the sermon on the Mount, the parables, nor the Lord's prayer, but his emphases are variations of "Christ liveth in me". Both aspects are essential. The problem is one of putting first things first. The solidarity we need will not be brought about by much "committeeizing" but by relating youth with the indwelling Christ. There is a vital difference between producing a spirit of unity and experiencing the unity of the Spirit.

An insidious evil that challenges the youth leadership in our churches today is an attitude of apology for being what we are. Truly we are to be compared with Benjamin among denominational "tribes", but that never made any difference to God in calling His men. It is therefore imperative at once to suggest a truly humble, Kingdom-of-God-integrated program of testimony and action for Mennonite youth. Our beginning in this direction has been: (a) Retreats, encouraging the choice of leaders with a recent, personally-real spiritual experience — leaders who understand and therefore love young people—leaders who "see visions" with a Christian perspective and can challenge youth's ambition and guide it; (b) The Young People's Department of the Mennonite, broadcasting articles of non-apologetic Mennonite young people, and offering creative program material for young peoples' meetings.

In all of these efforts we have constantly striven for a relationship of appreciation and Christian cooperation between young and old (Joel 2:28).

Sincerely yours, D. D. Eitzen

IN MEMORIAM

REV. JOHN PLENERT

John Plenert was born in Neuhoft, Deutsch Kassen, in Poland, on November 17, 1864. He was a son of Cornelius and Anna Bartel Plenert. When he was 15 years old, his parents emigrated and took the



REV. JOHN PLENERT

whole family with them, coming to America and settling north-east of Hillsboro, Kansas, which was to be his home until his death. He was married to Emelia Ratzlaff, on November 7, 1886, and for fifty-one years, they shared their joys and sorrows together. It was deemed a great privilege by them, that they were permitted to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary a year ago with their entire family around them. Of the fourteen children born to them, ten grew to manhood and womanhood and were present at the funeral services for the father. One of these, Rev. J. J. Plenert, is now pastor of the First Mennonite church in Philadelphia, while all the rest are quite active in church work either in the home church where the father spent his life, or in a church where they are now living. One of the sons, Albert, is now one of the respected deacons of the Johannestal church.

Rev. Plenert never had much opportunity to receive any schooling, and his education was limited, but by reading and meditation he succeeded in becoming a real leader. His interest in education was evident in his efforts to make available for his family what had been denied him. He encouraged them to make use of every opportunity possible to receive an education. He was just past 29 years old when he was chosen as minister by the Second Johannestal church near Hillsboro, and six years later, in 1899, was ordained as Elder of the church. In 1905, the First and Second Johannestal churches united to form the present Johannestal church and Rev. Plenert was chosen to serve as Elder. He has thus served in the

same community as minister for 44 years, and 38 of these as Elder and minister. During these years of life and service, he lived himself into the life of the community, to the extent that his departure became a personal loss to every one in the community, besides being also a community loss. The large majority of the present members of the Johannestal church were instructed by him in catechism and baptized by him. He will live on in the lives of these who were thus touched by his life and work. His influence was also felt in the other Conference churches in the community, where he was at all times ready to contribute his help in whatever form it might be possible to do so. His presence at Conference sessions could be taken for granted, as he very rarely missed being there. His services on different committees of the Conference will always be gratefully remembered.

The close of his life came, probably, as he might have wished it to come. It was while preaching a funeral sermon that he was stricken, his last words being, "but I have to quit." Lapsing into unconsciousness shortly afterwards, he slept away about fifteen hours later, on Sept. 26, 1937. The funeral services were held on the first of October, being conducted by Rev. S. M. Musselman. The other speakers were Revs. Arnold Funk, J. H. Epp, and Rev. Nickel, the latter being a former member of this community. Thus came to a close a very active life, but his work and the influence of his services live on and on, in the life of the community and the church that knew him so well and had learned to love him.

"It is not death to close
The eye long dimmed by tears,
And wake, in glorious repose
To spend eternal years."

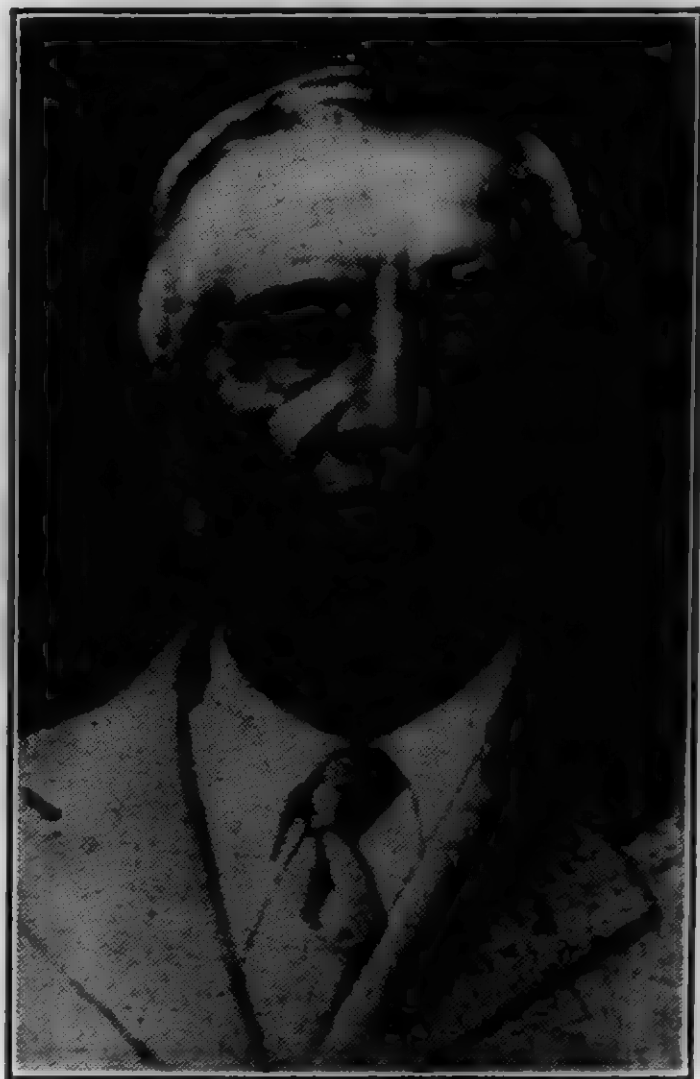
JOHN P. LINSCHIED

John P. Linscheid, son of Peter and Elizabeth Linscheid, was born July 20, 1864, in Galicia, Austria. He came to America with his parents in 1863, and in 1887 the family

settled near Arlington, Kansas. On September 23, 1888 he married Mrs. Katherine Miller Linscheid, the widowed mother of two boys, Jacob and John. To this family were added five children: Elizabeth, Emma, Edward, Alfred and Peter.

On February 17, 1901, he was regularly ordained to the ministry of the Gospel by Reverend J. J. Flickinger. In 1905 the Arlington Mennonite Church was organized; he was given full office as elder and pastor of the congregation, and was so ordained on June 10, 1917, again by Reverend J. J. Flickinger. In this capacity he served until death. His deep concern for the building of the Kingdom of God beyond the limits of the local church was revealed in his prayerful support and liberal contributions to missions, schools, and to social welfare in general.

The deceased was preceded in death by a step-son, Jacob, in 1905, and by his wife, February 17, 1934. He was called to his reward suddenly on January 3, 1937. Services were conducted in the home by Reverend H. J. Kliever; at the church by Reverend D. D. Eitzen, assisted by Reverend S. M. Musselman.



REV. JOHN P. LINSCHIED

OUR OLDEST MINISTERS

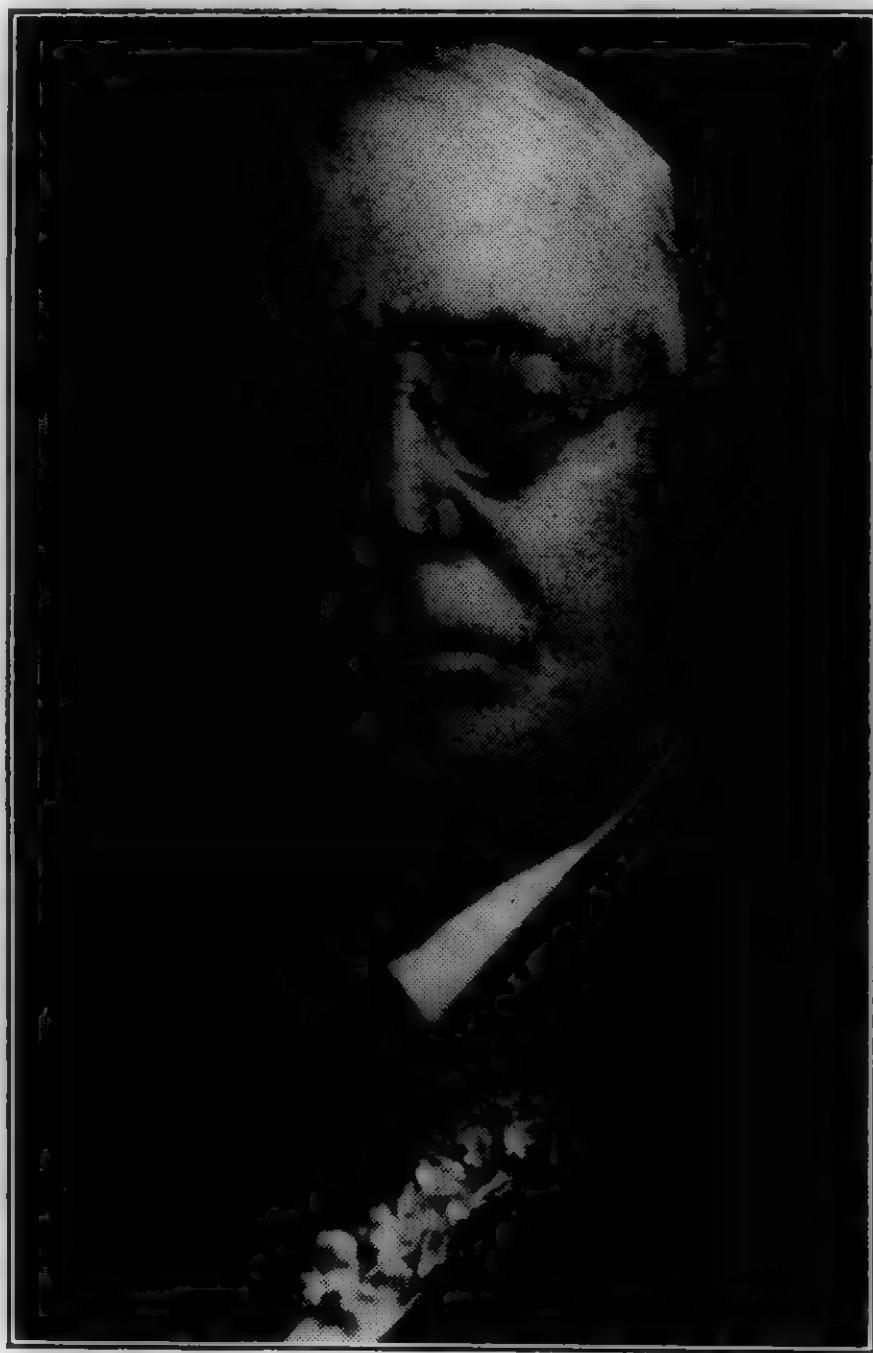
Nathaniel B. Grubb was born in Frederick, Penn., on July 6, 1850. He is the son of Silas M. and Elizabeth Grubb. His education he received in the public school of his home neighborhood. He attended Frederick Institute in 1867-68. He is one of the very few surviving students of the Wadsworth School, having been a student there in 1872-73. He married Salome Clemens Gottshall on July 4, 1872. Only two of their six children are living at this time, Rev. Silas M. of Philadelphia, Penn., and Rev. William H. of Dwight, Ill.

He was ordained to the ministry by Rev. Moses Gottshall, pastor of the Schwenksville, Penn., church, on June 30, 1872. He served as assistant pastor of this church from 1872 to 1882. He was pastor of the First Mennonite Church of Philadelphia, Pa., from 1882 to 1922 when on account of impaired health he felt it necessary to relinquish this arduous pastorate. The congregation elected him as Pastor Emeritus, his present office in the congregation. He was



N. B. GRUBB

the prime mover in founding our present church paper, "The Mennonite" (see article "How the Mennonite came to be"). He served as chief editor from 1886 to 1892. He was the founder of the "Schwenksville Item" and was editor and publisher of this weekly paper from 1877 to 1882. He was a member of the General Conference Publication Board for 39 years and a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor from 1893 to 1917. He is now making his home with his son, Dr. S. M. Grubb in Philadelphia, Penn.



REV. ABRAHAM RATZLAFF

Rev. Abraham Ratzlaff was born September 3, 1850, in the village of Franztal in South Russia. Reared in a Christian home, and educated in the village school at Franztal. Received catechetical instruction in the Mennonite church at Rudnerweide under Elder Benjamin Ratzlaff, was baptized by him and received into the church in 1871. United

in marriage to Helena Schmidt, who was born in Franztal on September 26, 1853, on May 1, 1873. Emigrated to America in 1874, and settled on a farm in Harvey county, Kansas, eight miles North of Burrton. Here we celebrated our Silver wedding. Our Golden and also our Diamond wedding we celebrated in the Hoffnungsau church, the church lovingly preparing these festivities for us.

Elected to the ministry by the Hoffnungsau church on April 24, 1880, and ordained by Elder Dietrich Gaeddert on May 18, 1880. Ordained as Elder of the Hoffnungsau church, on September 28, 1902, Elder Gaeddert having died on December 31, 1901. Served the Hoffnungsau church as minister and Elder for a period of about 50 years. Was a member of the Board of Directors of Bethel College for 21 years, of the Board of Directors of the Bethel Hospital for 25 years, and for several years served as member of the Relief Committee of the Western District Conference. Have lived in Buhler, Kansas for a number of years, and we are still able to take care of ourselves. The God of all grace, and Father of mercy, who loved us and redeemed us, be praised now and forever.—Sketch was written by Rev. Ratzlaff.

CARL HEINRICH ANTON VAN DER SMISSEN

Carl H. A. van der Smissen was born December 4, 1851 in Friedrichstadt, Schleswig-Holstein, now Germany. He is the son of Rev. Carl Justus and Sarah Cornelia van der Smissen. He attended the elementary schools, high school, college (gymnasium), and the universities of Basel (Switzerland), Tubingen and Halle (Germany).

He came to America on June 17, 1874. He attended the school in Wadsworth and the academy in Hayesville, Ohio.

He was elected as pastor of the Salem congregation near Ashland, Ohio, and ordained into the ministry October 15, 1874. His father was ordained by his father on the same day 37 years before. He was ordained by his his father and Rev. Ephraim Hunsberger, from Wadsworth, Ohio. In 1875 he was called to serve the Mennonites in

Cleveland, which he did for about 3 years on alternate Sundays with the Salem congregation. He was during one winter German teacher in Coshocton, Ohio.

He was called to the Upper Milford congregation, Zionsville, Lehigh Co., Pennsylvania, in the summer of 1880, and served the congregation until May 1, 1890.

He was married on October 12, 1880 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Knight of New Castle, Ohio. Two children were born to this union, Karl Christian and Jenny Alieda. In 1885 he was elected pastor of the Hereford congregation, Bally, Berks county, Penn. He served alternately forenoon and afternoon in the two congregations. In the Hereford congregation he organized the first Mennonite C. E. society, and was the first pastor, who had regular English service in the country. He also had a teacher's meeting and a teacher's training class. He was District secretary of C. E. in Lehigh county. He accepted a call



Carl Heinrich Anton van der Smissen

from the congregation in Summerfield, St. Clair county, Illinois.

On his way to Summerfield he stopped with his parents in Hayesville. His father died May 29, 1890. After the funeral he went to Summerfield in June 1890. His wife died February 13, 1892. He married again June 18, 1893, Elizabeth B. Ruth. Their children are: Hillegonda G. (Hilda), Frieda W., Theodor Alwin, Elizabeth K., Edna B., and Ruth M.

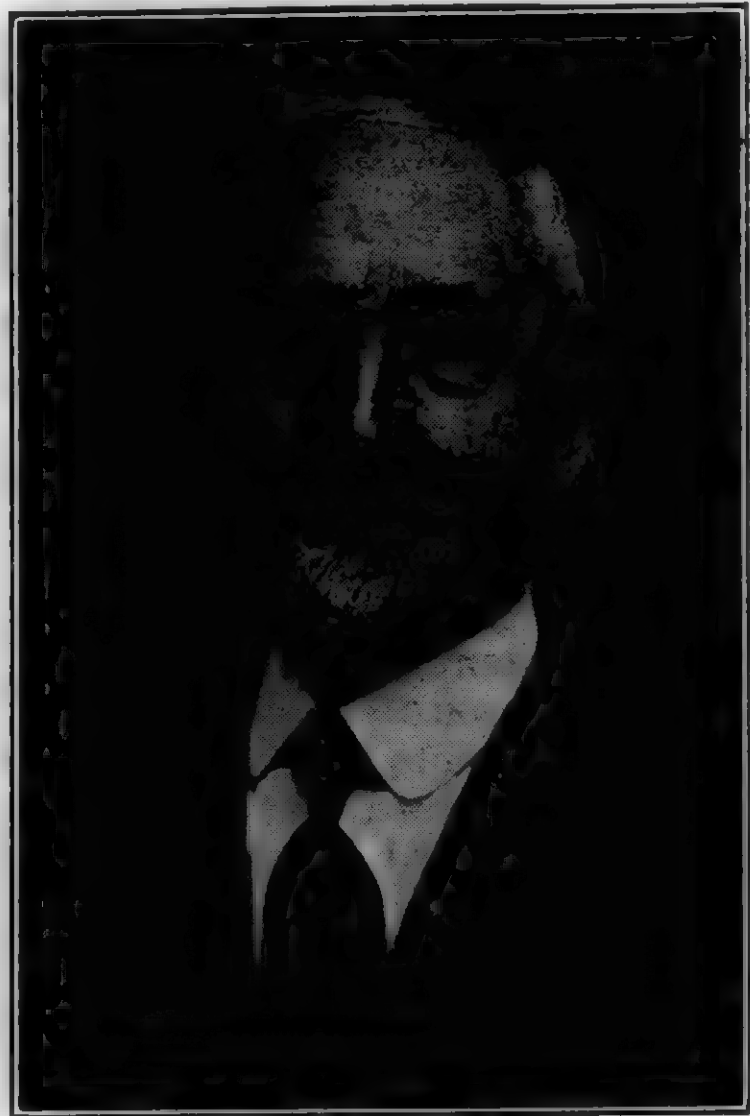
At the General Conference, 1911, he was called as Editor of the *Bundesbote* and moved to Berne, Indiana. He edited the *Bundesbote* for 19 years, the *Mennonite* 3 years, the *Kinderbote* 25 years. Later, 1920, he became editor of the German Sunday School quarterly, which Rev. S. F. Sprunger had edited for many years.

Having given up the *Bundesbote* and his dear wife becoming helpless by creeping paralysis, they moved October 1, 1932, to the Home for the Aged, in Newton, Kansas, where she died, May 24, 1934.

He served as Secretary of the Eastern and Middle District Conference for many years, and for the General Conference for 6 years. In the Publication Board he served 3 years. He helped to make the "Gesangbuch mit Noten." As member of the Board for Foreign Missions he served 15 years. He wrote a German History and Confession of Faith of the Baptist minded or Mennonites in 1895.

ALLEN M. FRETZ

Rev. Allen M. Fretz was born in Tinicum township, Bucks County, Pa., December 12, 1853, the son of Ely and Mary Myers Fretz. He was ordained to the ministry and installed as pastor of the Deep Run Mennonite Church on October 13, 1883 by Elder Moses Gottshall, assisted by Pastor Jacob S. Moyer. He was ordained as Elder November 24, 1892, by Elder W. S. Gottshall. He has served as pastor of the Deep Run Church to the present date. He served as pastor of the Zion Church, Souderton, Pa., from its organization in the spring of 1893 to November, 1909. He served as a regular assistant supply of the Saucon congregation and the Allentown mission from date of ordination and for many years. He served as supply



ALLEN M. FRETZ

pastor of the Allentown Church in 1912 and 1913. He had pastoral charge of the Church in Pottstown, Pa., 1910-1913; of the Bowmansville, Pa., church for several years up to April, 1929. He has been serving the Springfield, Pa., church as pastor since November, 1913. Has been pastor of the Perkasio, Pa., church since 1918. He had started the mission here in 1900. He organized the mission in Lansdale, Pa., in 1928, conducted weekly meetings there until January, 1930 and at the organization of the Grace Church in Lansdale, was elected Pastor Emeritus. He served as assistant editor of *The Mennonite* from 1885 to 1896. Was secretary of the Eastern District Conference from 1913 to 1929.

HILLEGONDA CORNELIA VAN DER SMISSEN

(Editor's note—While Sister Hillegonda has not been ordained into the ministry in our Church and has never served as such, yet she has been in a very real sense a minister in her long time of service in and for our church. We feel her well worthy of a

place in this group of sketches of our oldest ministers).

Hillegonda C. van der Smissen is Sister in the Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Newton, Kansas, since 1909. She was born June 30, 1848, in Friedrichstadt, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, as daughter of Carl Justus van der Smissen and Sarah Cornelia van der Smissen. She came with her parents to the United States in 1868. She attended the Public Schools and had private instruction in languages, music, drawing and painting. She is the authoress of a pamphlet "Unsere Arbeit in den Missionsvereinen" (Our Work in the Missionary Societies), also "Bilder aus meinem Leben" (Sketches from my life). She is a member of the First Mennonite congregation, Newton, Kansas. Her address is: Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Newton, Kansas. She has served as a Sunday School teacher for 65 years. She has written a large number of poems.



**HILLEGONDA CORNELIA VAN DER
SMISSEN**

Editor's Note—As far as I have been able to learn these are the only Ministers of our General Conference who are over eighty years of age and ordained as ministers over fifty years ago. Three of these are not in the active ministry any longer.

OUR YOUNGEST MINISTERS

George W. Kopper, Arlington, Kansas, ordained in Arlington Church, April 18, 1937.

Edmund Miller, Portland, Oregon, ordained in Freeman, South Dakota, September 5, 1937.

Emerson F. Slotterback, Altoona, Penn., ordained in Altoona Church, September 12, 1937.

Herbert Miller, Deer Creek, Oklahoma, ordained in Halstead, Kansas, Church, Sept. 12, 1937.

H. A. Dyck, Waldheim, Saskatchewan, ordained September 12, 1937.

Martin Thiessen, Parkview, Saskatchewan.

David Bueckert, Tugaskie, Saskatchewan. (These last two were ordained during this year—can not give dates).

(Editor's note: These are our youngest ministers in point of ordination—not necessarily in point of years of age. If any names have been over-looked in this list, I wish I might be informed of such error. Thank you.)

OUR OLDEST CHURCH HOUSES

Germantown, Philadelphia, Penn., erected in 1770. Has been enlarged since.

Springfield, Penn., erected in 1826.

Wadsworth, Ohio, erected in 1830 and has been enlarged since that time

Flatland, Penn., erected in 1837. See article.

Bertolets, Penn., erected in 1846. This church is no longer in use.

Deep Run, Penn., erected in 1849

East Swamp, Penn., erected in 1850, and has been enlarged twice since that date.

Saucon, Penn., near Coopersburg, date of erection not definitely known, but probably before 1820.

OUR NEWEST CHURCH HOUSES

Wolf Point, Montana, dedicated June 13, 1937.

Kingman, Kansas, dedicated July 11, 1937.

Lima, Ohio, (Mission), dedicated Sept. 26, 1937.

Shafter, California, dedicated Oct. 25, 1937, by Rev. H. J. Krehbiel.

Coghlán, British Columbia, dedicated on June 27 by the Rev. Jacob H. Janzen.

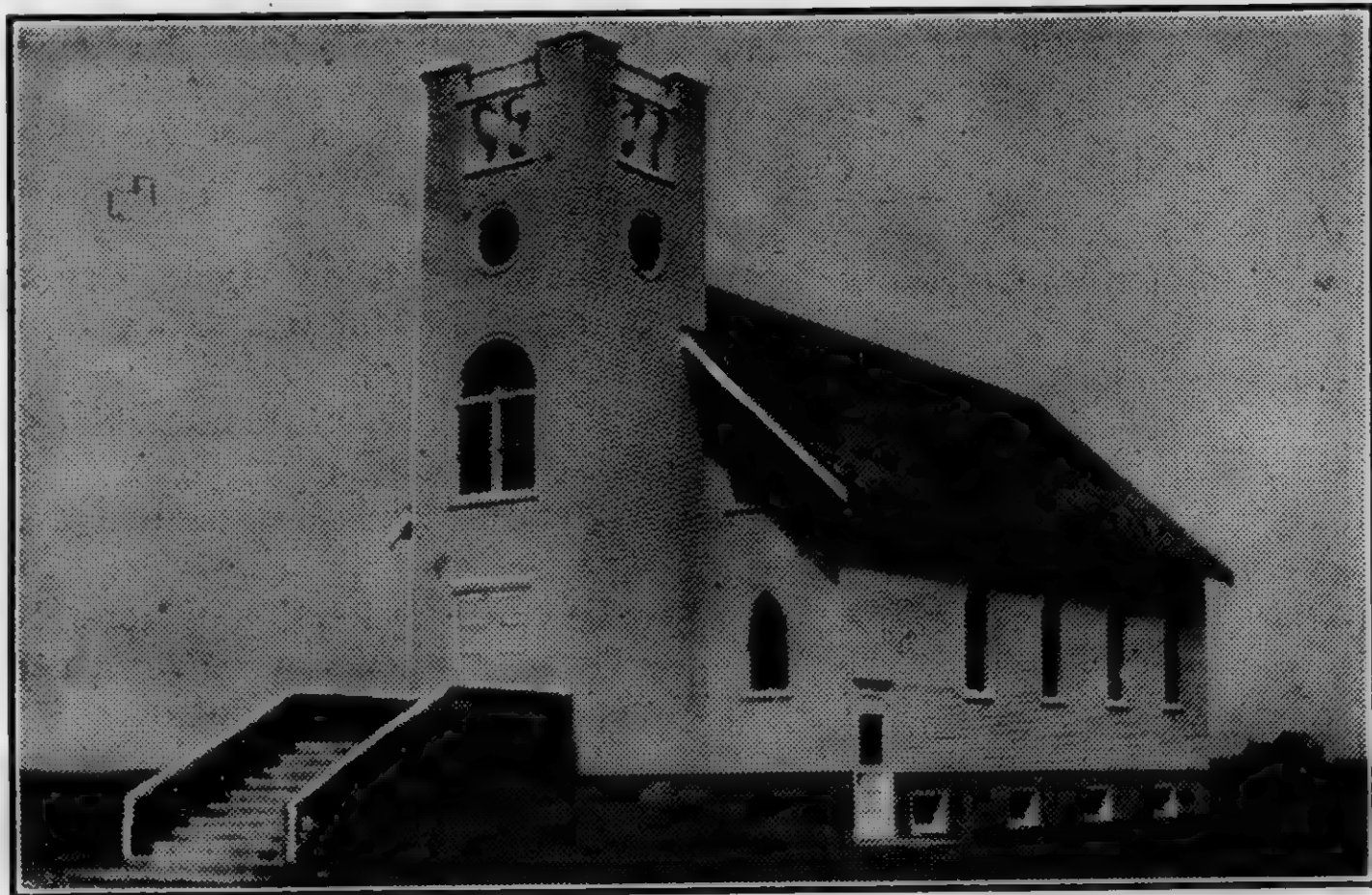
Glenbush, Saskatchewan, dedicated latter part of June by Rev. D. J. Loewen.

Black Creek, British Columbia, Vancouver Island, dedicated July 25, by Rev. Jacob H. Janzen.

Tofield, Alberta, dedicated July 25th by Rev. Wm. Martens.

Swift Current, Saskatchewan, dedicated Oct. 3rd by Rev. David Toews.

Wymark, Saskatchewan, dedicated Nov. 11th, 1936 by Rev. David Toews.



CHURCH OF WOLF POINT, MONTANA

DEDICATION ZION MENNONITE CHURCH

Kingman, Kansas

The new Church House erected by the Zion Mennonite congregation of Kingman, Kansas, was very appropriately dedicated to the worship and service of Almighty God on Sunday, July 11, 1937. Services were held in the morning, afternoon and evening. Rev. S. M. Musselman, a member of the Home Mission Committee of the Western Conference, was in charge of the services of the day. He conducted the dedicatory service in the morning. The former pastor, J. R. Duerksen and J. M. Suderman of Buhler, another member of the Home Mission Committee, also spoke in the morning service. In the afternoon addresses were delivered

by Rev. Robert Means, Pastor of the Kingman Baptist Church and Rev. D. Ediger of Buhler, Kansas. The Choir of the Kingman Church and the Male Quartet of the Pretty Prairie Church rendered appropriate musical numbers during these two services. The Inman City Four of Inman, Kansas, rendered an inspiring program of sacred music in the evening. These services were all largely attended by appreciative audiences.

The newly dedicated building is of frame construction and is 40 by 54 feet in dimensions. There is a full basement under the building. It is equipped with city water and electric lights. There is a balcony in the Church and the total seating capacity is about 300. There is one finished classroom at this time, with space for more to be finished later on. The Zion congregation now

has a beautiful and inviting Church home in the pretty and growing town of Kingman. There are seven other congregations of different denominations in the town.

This congregation was organized as a separate organization in 1929. The congregation was formerly a part of the Bethany congregation, near Kingman. The present membership is around seventy, with a regular attendance of close to one hundred persons. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. There are more young people than older in the congregation. There is a very nice group of young people which means much for the future of the congregation. The services are mostly in the English language. This Church is so situated that there is opportunity for a good and profitable future, if all work for the good of the Church and the community. The conditions are such that there is a good opportunity for Church extension work. At the time of this writing the congregation does not have a regular resident pastor to take care of the work and be the leader in the work. It is hoped that a pastor may soon be secured for this field. The congregation feels much encouraged now with the new Church home and hopes, by the blessing of God to be enabled to do a much worthwhile work for the Lord and His Kingdom and in and for the community.

FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

Shafter, California

The First Mennonite Church of Shafter was organized on February 24, 1935, with 23 charter members. Rev. H. J. Krehbiel, of Reedley, California, had charge of the organization meeting. Rev. A. G. Schmidt, who had lately come from Cordell, Oklahoma, was the first pastor and served nearly two years. Rev. J. W. Baergen also served as pastor for about six months until he accepted a call from the Goltry, Okla., church. Rev. Gustav Frey, formerly of Hillsboro, Kansas, is the present pastor and the church is being blessed in her work. There have been problems and difficulties. The services have been held in the past mostly in old school buildings. The congregation feels very thank-

ful that at the time of this writing they have been able to dedicate their own beautiful and commodious Church Home. The membership has more than doubled since organization. The Sunday School attendance has been up to 145 at the highest point. The activities will be more complete as they go on in the work. There is an active Women's Mission Society and a very good Christian Endeavor Society. Under the leadership of Rev. Frey the congregation is confident of much blessing and progress.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF LIMA, OHIO

**By P. A. Kliever, Pastor, Ebenezer
Mennonite Church near Bluffton, Ohio**

On the last Sunday of the month of November, 1932, we visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Bixel, in Lima. At the supper table, I asked Mrs. Bixel, a fine Christian woman, if she would help in the Sunday School if we started a project in Lima. She was at once willing to do so. About December of 1932 and January of 1933, prompted by the desire to find some opportunities for our young people who were working in Lima, and for those at home to do some definite Christian work, I canvassed Lima to find some suitable place for such a project. This I located at the place where the Church now is. There is a small Seven Day Adventist Church which we rented for \$8.50 a month. The young people of the Ebenezer Church paid the rent. The Ebenezer Church has a Gospel Team, which with the Christian Endeavor, were jointly responsible for this payment.

On the last Sunday in January, 1933, in the afternoon we held the first service in that Church. From then on services were held on Sunday evenings, usually a group of the Ebenezer young people giving a Christian Endeavor program with a message by some minister following it. We also canvassed the community a little later and at the same time advertised the Summer Bible School which was to be held during the school vacation. This was in progress for six weeks, every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon, with an enrollment of 33. The

suggestion was then made that this project should be turned over to the Middle District Conference. This was done and Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Esau were secured as pastor and workers. The first Sunday School was opened in September 1933 and the preaching was carried on by Rev. Esau. They have conducted the Summer Bible School each summer with the highest enrollment of 130. Also a Children's Bible School has been held every Wednesday after school, during the winter months, in the Church.

The congregation was regularly organized in 1934. A constitution was drawn up and adopted and regular officers were elected. There were 12 charter members and 4 associate members. This number has grown until now there are 27 members. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 117. A Ladies Missionary Society was organized in 1933 which now has a membership of 18. There is also a Junior and a Senior Christian En-

deavor Society doing active work.

In 1936 the Adventist Church did not wish to rent their church house any longer, so the congregation was requested to seek another place for conducting the work. The Middle District Conference at the session of 1936, held in Fortuna, Mo., authorized the Evangelization Committee to proceed with the project of building a Church house in Lima. This Committee and the Trustees of the Conference and with the help of the Conference Churches erected a Church basement 40 by 60 feet in dimensions at an approximate cost of \$5,000. This was dedicated to the worship of God on Sunday, September 26th, 1937.

The work in Lima has had a good beginning and we pray that it may prosper and be a real blessing to many.

Lima is a city of about 50,000 population and situated near the populous Bluffton-Pandora community.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON GOVERNMENT EXHIBITION GROUNDS — SASKATOON, SASK.
SCENE OF 1938 GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING PLACE 1938

Letter from Brother David Toews:

At the Conference held in Upland, Calif. in 1935, it was decided that the next General Conference should be held in Canada. The place in Canada where the conference would convene, was left to the Canadian churches.

At the Canadian Conference held at Drake, Sask., in the beginning of July, 1936, a Committee was appointed to look into the question of a proper locality. At the Canadian Conference held at Rosemary, Alta. in 1937, the appointed committee reported to the Conference.

The three localities that came under consideration of the Conference were: Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Rosthern. The advantages and disadvantages in each place were put before the Conference, and the Conference decided in a vote by ballot that Saskatoon would offer the best possibilities for holding our General Conference.

Saskatoon is a City of 41,000 inhabitants, on the South Saskatchewan River, about 540 miles northwest of Winnipeg.

The place in Saskatoon, where the Conference will likely be held, is the Exhibition Ground. There are large and spacious buildings: "The Stadium," with a seating capacity of from 5000 to 6000 people; "The Government Building," with a seating capacity of

1500 to 2000; and "The Administration Building," with different rooms for committee meetings. And all the other buildings are at our disposal. Spacious dining halls will be provided in one or two of the larger buildings. Those requiring more conveniences, can easily reach the hotels in the city by electric car or by automobile. Arrangements will be made with different hotels for as cheap lodging as possible. Any number of cars can be parked either on the campus itself, or nearby. Saskatoon is more centrally located than the other places mentioned.

Saskatoon can be reached from the East or from the West, North and South by good gravelled roads, or by railway. Both, the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National offer good connections and accommodations from all directions. And there are Bus connections from all directions also.

We hope to be able to accommodate as many people as desire to come and it will be our aim to give as good accommodations to all our visitors from the United States and Canada as possible.

Trusting that many of our brethren in the United States will find it possible to come to Canada for the Conference in 1938, and hoping that our next Conference will in a special way prove a blessing to our people in Canada and in the United States, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
David Toews



GOVERNMENT BUILDING ON GOVERNMENT EXHIBITION GROUNDS — SASKATOON, SASK.
SCENE OF 1938 GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING

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Kansas1938

Rev. P. P. Buller, Goessel, Kansas*1938

Rev. P. K. Regier, Moundridge, Kansas 1939

Rev. S. M. Musselman, Hillsboro, Kans. 1940

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Chairman—Dr. J. R. Thierstein, Bethel
College, Kansas 1940

Secretary—Dr. Abr. Warkentin, Bethel
College, Kansas1938

Treasurer—Prof. J. J. Voth, Bethel Col-
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18. C. A. DeFehr, Winnipeg, Man.1940
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Defenseless Mennonite Conference of North America (Egley-Amish)

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11 congregations, total membership 1315—in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kansas. Home Mission work in Chicago, Ill., and Smithville, Tenn. Foreign work, Congo Belge, W. Cent. Africa. 15 missionaries. Salem Orphanage, Flanagan, Ill. Official paper, "Zions Tidings", editor H. E. Bertsche.

Evangelical Mennonite Brethren (Bruderthaler)

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1878 members. Congregations in Illinois, Montana, Oregon, S. Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas and in Canada. Mission work in Congo Belge, W. Africa and China. 8 missionaries. Official paper "Evangelizations-Bote", G. S. Rempel, editor, Dalmeny, Sask.

Krimmer Mennonite Brethern of N. America

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Congregations in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, California, Washington, Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada. Mission work in North China also in North Carolina and Tennessee. City Mission work in Huron, South Dakota. Support Salem Home and Hospital, Hillsboro and Zoar Academy and Bible School, Inman, Kansas. Official paper, "Wahrheitsfreund", J. H. Klassen, Editor.

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Secretary....A. A. Schroeter, Reedley, Calif.

Congregations in thirteen states and in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and B. Columbia, Canada, in all, 114 churches. Total membership about 13,500. Mission work is being carried on in India, China, Africa and in Oklahoma. The Conference supports a number of Bible schools and Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. The official paper is the "Zionsbote" (German), P. H. Berg, Hillsboro, is the editor.

Editor's Note: The editor endeavored to secure information from all of the different branches of the Mennonite denomination. The ones here given are the only ones that responded.



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SCENE OF 1938 GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING

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Arranged according to District Conference Affiliation

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Heinrichs, Peter J.	St. Elizabeth
Heinrichs, Wilh. P.	Barkfield
Hildebrand, Heinr.	Winkler
Hoepfner, Jac. N.	Altona
Hooge, Joh. J.	Plum Coulee
Isaak, Abram J.	Rivers
Janzen, C. C.	Winnipegosis
Janzen, Heinr. H.	Nord Kildonan
Janzen, Peter P.	Whitewater
Klassen, David D.	Rosenfeld
Klassen, Jacob H.	Gretna
Klassen, Isaak Is.	Pierson

Klassen, Jacob J.	Niverville
Klassen, Jacob J.	Gretna
*Klassen, Joh. P.	892 Alexander Ave., Winnipeg
Krahn, Cornel. B.	Reinland
Loeppky, Joh. D.	Altona
Loewen, David H.	Gretna
Martens, Jacob J.	Winnipegosis
Neufeld, Abram G.	Minga
Neufeld, Gerh. G., Sr.	Boissevain
Neufeld, Gerh. G., Jr.	Whitewater
Neufeld, Gerh. G.	Manitou
Olfert, Heinr. J.	McCrea
Pankratz, Jacob	Gruental
Pauls, Jacob	Morden
Penner, Peter C.	Oak Lake
Peters, Cornel. G.	Niverville
Peters, Wilh. J.	Chortitz
Poettker, Johann	Arnaud
Reimer, Peter J.	Beulah
Rempel, Peter A.	Gretna
Rogalsky, Joh. J.	Glenlea
Sawatzky, Dietr. J.	McAuley
Sawatzky, Frans F.	Plum Coulee
Schroeder, Victor J.	Nord Kildonan
Schulz, Jacob J.	507 Elgin Ave., Winnipeg
*Schulz, David	Altona
Schulz, Peter	Oak Lake
Siemens, Jacob J.	Winkler
Teichroeb, Abram A.	Myrtle
Toews, Jacob J.	Gruental
Warkentin, Abram	Dominion City
Warkentin, Heinr. A.	St. Elizabeth
Warkentin, Isaak	Giroux
Wiebe, Jacob H.	Gardenton

* Elders

IN SASKATCHEWAN

Balzer, Joh. H.	Langham
Bartel, Edwin S.	Drake
*Bartel, Heinr. H.	Drake
Berg, Jacob J. H.	Ernfold
Bergen, Abram H.	Blumenhof
Block, Abr. J.	Waldheim
Boschman, Corn C.	Petaigan
Bueckert, D.	Parkerview
Buhr, Wilh. S.	Langham
Bueckert, Franz F.	Sonningdale
Doerksen, Jacob	Herbert
Dueck, Johann	Rosthern
Dyck, H. A.	Waldheim
Dyck, David J.	Carrot River
Dyck, Gerh. Is.	Hague
Dyck, Heinrich A.	Waldheim
Ens, Corn. K.	Sand Beach
Ens, Jacob J.	Teddington
Elias, Gerhard	Loon Forks
Epp, Isaak	Barnes Crossing
Epp, C. C.	Sand Beach
Epp, David	Laird
Epp, Franz	Hanley
*Epp, Gerh. G.	Rosthern
Federau, Johann	Hague
Friesen, Is. I.	Rosthern
Friesen, Is. P.	Rosthern
Friesen, John J.	Jansen
Friesen, Joh. R.	Laird
Friesen, Nikolai	Mayfair
Friesen, Peter A.	Herbert
Friesen, Peter B.	Loon Forks
Friesen, Richard C.	Carrot River
Funk, Johann	Hague
Gerbrandt, Jacob	Drake
*Gerbrandt, Johann	Drake
Heinrichs, Jacob	Lockwood
Janzen, Jacob H.	Rabbit Lake
Janzen, John H.	Hague
Klassen, Heinr. T.	Laird
Klassen, H. J.	Wishart
Klaassen, Jacob	Laird
Klassen, Jacob A.	Watrous
*Klassen, Joh. J.	Dundurn
Klassen, Peter J.	Superb
Koop, Peter	Aberdeen
Kroeger, A. A.	Hanley
Kroeger, Abram H.	Dundurn
*Loewen, Daniel J.	Rabbit Lake

Martens, Abram	Rabbit Lake
Mathies, Corn. C.	Rabbit Lake
Neudorf, Heinr	Aberdeen
Neufeld, David H.	Lost River
Nickel, Jacob J.	Aberdeen
Nickel, Joh. F.	Beaver Flat
Nickel, John J.	Main Centre
Pauls, Arthur	Capasin
Peters, Jacob H.	Langham
Peters, Joh. B.	Langham
Plenert, Peter H.	Rabbit Lake
Quiring, Jacob	Guernsey
*Regier, Johannes	Laird
Rempel, Bernh. D.	Tugaske
Rempel, David H.	Hague
Rempel, Joh. G.	Rosthern
Sawatzky, Corn. F.	Laird
Siebert, Joh.	Capasin
Thiessen, Is. H.	Brooking
Thiessen, Jacob J.	337 Fifth Ave., Saskatoon
Thiessen, M.	Fitzmaurice
*Toews, David	Rosthern
Toews, Johann	Mayfair
Vogt, Peter	Lost River
Warkentin, Abram	Bournemouth
Warkentin, Corn. J.	Herschel
Warkentin, P. A.	Superb
Wiens, Is. H.	Herbert
Wiens, Jacob B.	Herschel
*Wiens, Gerh. B.	Herschel
Wiens, Wilh. J.	Dundurn
Zacharias, Gerhard	Clevert
Zacharias, J. L.	Waldheim

* Elders

IN ALBERTA

Boese, David	Chinook
Dueck, Franz W.	Coaldale
Dyck, Peter P.	Rosemary
Dyck, Peter W.	Rosemary
Enns, Abram	Coaldale
Epp, Abram	Neco
Epp, Peter P.	Hussar
Friesen, Jacob	Hythe
*Harder, Corn. D.	Rosemary
Heidebrecht, David	Tofield
Janzen, Dan.	Gem
*Janzen, David P.	Springridge
Janzen, Franz	Wembley
Janzen, Heinrich	Rosemary
Janzen, Klaas	Namaka
Loewen, Johann	Rosemary
*Martens, Wilh. G.	Coaldale
Neufeld, Corn. G.	Didsbury
Neufeld, Jacob	Rosemary
Neufeld, Joh. G.	Didsbury
Neufeld, Gerhard	Wembley
Neufeld, Johann	Beaverlodge
*Nickel, Jacob D.	Lymburn
Pauls, Wilhelm	Sedalia
Penner, Joh. P.	Hayter
Paetkau, Abram	Gem
Poettker, Joh. J.	Springridge
Sawatzky, Joh. J.	Carstairs
Schellenberg, Peter	Coaldale
Tiaht, Heinrich	Castor
Vogt, Johann	Coaldale
Wall, Abram J.	Carseland
Warkentin, Abram J.	Proyost
Willms, Abrah.	Coaldale

In British Columbia

Baerg, Jacob	County Line
*Bahnman, N. W.	Sardis
Braun, Johann	Yarrow
Epp, Peter P.	R. R. 1, Mount Lehman
Friesen, B. B.	Sardis
Goertz, Johann	Armstrong
Hausknecht, David	Sardis
Heinricks, Jac.	Armstrong
Janzen, Aron	Coghlen
*Janzen, Jacob H.	42th Ave. West., Vancouver
Loewen, Gerhard	Sardis
Thiessen, Jacob J.	Armstrong
Wiebe, J. A.	Agassiz

Benjamin Ewert,

Moxam Court, 286 River Ave.

EASTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE (Continued)

LOCATION AND NAME OF CONGREGATION	PASTOR	Membership Jan. 1, 1937	Gain		Loss					Children Consecrated	S. S. Enrollment	Y. People's C. E. Soc. Jr. Intermediate Soc.	W. M. S. or Ladies Aid	Brotherhood	"A." Home Expenses for Con. & Aux.	"B." Special for Local Charity
			By Baptism	By Letter	By Right Hand of Fellowship	By Death	Removed from Roll or Dismissed	Dismissed by Letter								
1. Allentown, First	Howard G. Nyce	150		1	6	2		1	2	169	50	23	32	3134.00	24.65	
2. Altoona, Memorial	Emerson Slotterbeck	87				2		4	3	153	136		24	182.66	27.10	
3. Bally, Hereford	Elmer E. S. Johnson	251		2		3	5	1		337	55		45	3140.63	76.79	
4. Bowmansville, Pine Grove	Raymond V. Stubbs	50		5		1		1		63	20		15	1196.68		
5. Boyertown, Menno Simons	Elwood S. Shelly	19				4				100	40		12	288.79		
6. Deep Run	Allen M. Fretz	184	4		1	3	5	1	5	147	64		26	1023.13		
7. East Swamp	W. S. Gottshall	114		3		3	1			75	32		30	4838.25	21.00	
8. Flatland	A. J. Neuenschwander	54	1							45	92	38	57	829.20	50.00	
9. Germantown	Howard T. Landes	31	7	2	5	3	8	4	6	278	32		11	821.77		
10. Lansdale, Grace	Olin A. Krehbiel	169	2	2						60	13		9	105.63		
11. Mechanics Grove, Calvary	Sylvan Lehman	71	2							40	38		11	241.15		
12. Napier	Allen M. Fretz	47	2			1				250	38		108	5331.71	551.48	
13. Perkase, Bethel	John J. Plenert	23	5	4	5	7	4	1	9	155	33		40	3220.75	45.00	
14. Philadelphia, First	Silas M. Grubb	346	6	2		4	50	3	3	135	32		33	2102.67	110.73	
15. Philadelphia, Second	A. J. Neuenschwander	158				4	1			160	40		25	237.93		
16. Quakertown, Bethany	Benjamin S. Graybill	127			5	6			2	96	38		18	487.73		
17. Richfield	W. S. Gottshall	170	4			1	8	1	1	245	73	18	12	2793.92		
18. Roaring Spring	Freeman H. Swartz	93	4	1	3	3	2		1	84	28	6	51	200.40	178.50	
19. Saucun	John S. Raugh	28	4		1					510	90	12	18	5898.36	12.50	
20. Schwenksville, Eden	Ernest J. Bohn	258	1	1	1	3	3	1	6	50	15	2	79	408.37	104.65	
21. Smith Corner	Allen M. Fretz	57	23	1	5	3			4	274	108	2	36	2380.31		
22. Souderton, Zion	A. J. Neuenschwander	459	11	2		3		2	4	115	27		101	1618.59		
23. Springfield	Howard G. Nyce	35	7	1	34	53	87	22	53	3623	1056	101	665	45022.03	1133.83	
24. West Swamp		204					(x)									
25. Zionsville, Upper Milford		166	77	27												
		3351														

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WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

CHURCHES

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

	Members Jan. 1, 1937	Children Under 174	Gain (+) or Loss (-)	Pupils in V. B. School	Church Support	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Relief	All other Purposes	Total
1. Alexanderwohl	864	13	*16		3333	\$2423	\$448	\$163	\$2298	\$3559
2. Arlington	84		-7		455		74		33	562
3. +Bergtal	175				1050	200	290	200	115	1855
4. Bethany, Kingman	100	68	-1		323	304	125	60	117	931
5. Bethel College	134	60	*19		1240	200	50	152	152	1640
6. Bethel, Hydro	300	100	*33	30	2096	748	229	108	3131	6314
7. Bethel, Perryton	57	31	*1	20	256	35	20			311
8. Bethel, Perryton	33				100		125			225
9. Brudertal	192	96	-1	32	1839	1087	240	295	1928	5389
10. Buhler	331	85	*16	10	1555	639	358	212	2188	4953
11. Burrton	132	30	*4	9	200					200
12. Deer Creek	101	29	-1		691	167	58	37	58	975
13. Ebenezer, Gotebo	99	29	-1		355	77	21		6	496
14. Ebenfeld, Montezuma	28	30								
15. Eden, Moundridge	629	55	-3		2742	1275	287	182	8254	12740
16. Eden, Inola	118	22	*7	15	115	152	60	8	53	374
17. Elmsledel, Hanston	68	22	-2		407	81	59			548
18. Emmanuel, Canton	128	60	-2		416	26	35	17	108	603
19. Emmaus	307	114	*8	37	1500	2075	605	1506	900	6586
20. First Christian	338	97	*7	15	2719	1588	790	450	3268	9815
21. First Garden	*198	53	-4	36	360	257	91	74	178	960
22. First Geary	130	25			716	51	46	10	60	883
23. First Halstead	301	75			1495	338	156	15	14	2018
24. First Hutchinson	112	50	*20	30	996	84	6		5	1091
25. First Newton	486	260	*20	87	2164	1193	95	408	751	4606
26. First Ransom	77	33	*5	22	644	72	22		9	749
27. Friedensfeld, Turpin	62	60	-1		113	27	71		137	348
28. Friedensfeld, Tampa	120	83	-3	9	175	2	15	14	46	450
29. Gnadenberg	184	83	*3		594	258	34	25	664	1675
30. Goessel	282	67	*3		1010	834	91	95	63	2094
31. Gruenfeld	64	67	-2		245	20	15	64	107	350
32. Hebron	244	97	*4		1624	307	221	65	35	2324
33. Herold, Bessie	150	97	*19		248	94	70	132	15	474
34. Hillsboro	365	224	-5		1510	326	85	200	1870	2068
35. Hoffnungsau	366	224	-7		1739	786	515	185	1157	6652
36. Hoffnungsfeld	105	90	*24	50	664	138	169	31	442	2426
37. Inman	160	40	-1	22	1436	288	228	802	81	3541
38. Johannestal	200	40	-2		1770	593	295		25	25
39. Kildron, Taloga	138	65	*10		454	74	20	23	44	615
40. Lehigh	50		-1		133	81	54			268
41. Lorraine Ave., Wichita	14				75	27		39		102
42. Mennoville	110				183	339	35			596
43. Medford	30	6	*15	50	680	580	78	200	696	2234
44. New Friedensberg	314	150	*6							
45. New Hopedale, Meno			*33		58	10	77			145
46. Plainview, Dalhart	44	26	*9		1616	330	100		1510	3556
47. Pleasant Valley, Klismet	556	115	*2	28	200	100	100	75	80	555
48. Pretty Prairie	84	65	*2	32	2625	757	136	26	428	3971
49. Saron, Orienta	164	68	*2		380	123	32	19	2	177
50. Second, Beatrice	100	35	*11		1013	1374	85	55	86	959
51. Sichar, Cordell	332	200	*3	50	2247	2118	230	103	647	3238
52. +Swiss, Whitewater	350	131	-1	45	2046	802	554	356	2215	5973
53. Tabor	301	112		52	706	498	314	31	150	1699
54. Wehrlose, Beatrice	81	32	*2							
55. West Zion	247	15	-16	20	282	68	209	7	9	569
56. Zion, Elbing	77				481	13	27			529
57. Zion, Belmont										
58. Zoar, Goltry										
59. Zion, Kingman										
60. Mission Church, Enld, Okla.										

+ Last years figures. No report for this year.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE (Continued)

SUNDAY SCHOOL			SEWING SOC.							
Church	Superintendents	S. Members	Officers	Senior C. E. Members	Junior C. E. Members	Members	Foreign Missions	Missions Home	Other Purposes	No. of Choirs
1. Alexanderwohl	Abe Enns	800	43	200	200	64				1
2. Arlington	Alfred Miller	84	56			12	10		8	
3. *Bergtal, Pawnee Rock		245	20	120						
4. Bergtal, Corn, Okla.	E. B. Flaming	150	14		100	28	153	45		2
5. Bethany, Kingman	William C. Voran	230	21			10			59	
6. Bethel College	A. J. Regier	262	26	26	25	73	150	50	92	2
7. Bethel, Hydro	J. A. Entz	110	7	45		8				
8. Bethel, Perryton						13	75	75		
9. Brudertal	Ernest P. Suderman	198	20	37		52	152	82	59	2
10. Buhler	Herbert W. Buller	211	47	40	20	80	400			3
11. Burrton	J. B. Enns	110	14	50	20	15	40			1
12. Deer Creek	William Moyer	110	16							2
13. Ebenezer, Gotebo	Oscar Schmidt		12	120		14	11			
14. Ebenfeld, Montezuma	No Report									
15. Eden, Moundridge	E. W. Goering	830	52	117		70	385	300	30	
16. Eden, Inola	Willie Voth	175	10	118		20				2
17. Einsiedel, Hanston	Edward E. Hirshler	75	10	28	8	19	6	6	22	1
18. Emmanuel, Canton	E. P. Wedel	180	11							
19. Emmaus	Carl Claassen	337	51	90	41	25	Reported with Church			
20. First Christian	Dan J. Stucky	297	24	30	20	44	201	50	23	3
21. *First Garden		198	26	80						
22. First Geary	Otto Krehbiel	100	10			18	10	120	100	
23. First Halstead	Harry Dester	258	22	70		92	28	30	50	1
24. First Hutchinson	D. H. Kasper	165	14	47	20	26	10	17	12	1
25. First Newton	Ted E. Claassen	541	34	80	35	75	119	25	2	2
26. First Ransom	R. L. Sargent	122	14	15	12	20	35			
27. Friedensfeld, Turpin						20	109			
28. Friedenstal, Tampa						22				
29. Gnadenberg	Carl Nickel	195	16	50		13				
30. Goessel	J. F. Schmidt		20	70		25				
31. Gruenfeld	Frank Koehn	88	5	88						
32. Hebron	G. B. Gerbrandt			80	30	15	330	170		
33. Herold, Bessie	Menno Flaming		10			20				
34. Hillsboro	H. W. Jantzen	348	26	365	21	35	10	8	355	
35. Hoffnungsau	Eldo D. Schmidt	344	44			30	390		87	
36. Hoffnungsfeld	Peter C. Stucky	155	13							
37. Inman	Henry Friesen	163	17		18	55	48	19	33	3
38. Johannestal	Albert Plenert	201	17	85	85	25	164	109	15	3
39. Kidron, Taloga	Albert Koehn	50	5	30						
40. Lehigh	F. G. Unruh	130	16	130		12	16	5	2	
41. Lorraine Ave., Wichita	Leslie Unruh	65	11			16	14		30	2
42. Mennoville	Heinrich T. Neufeld	22	4							
43. Medford	No Report									
44. New Friedensberg	A. L. Boese	35	6							
45. New Hopedale, Meno	C. J. Thomas	360	27	314		65				3
46. *Plainview, Dalkart	Dissolved									
47. Pleasant Valley, Kismet	Milferd D. Koehn	75	12	60						
48. Pretty Prairie	Amos J. Flickinger	620	28			25	144	28	9	
49. Saron, Orienta				75		10	72	42		
50. Second Beatrice	Henry T. Relmer, Jr.	167	18	68	39	40	125	39		1
51. Sichar, Cordell	H. S. Ratzlaff		7	50		19	10		16	
52. *Swiss, Whitewater		*110	11	55		*13				
53. Tabor	Alfador Frey	466	24			18	134	25	221	
54. Wehrlose, Beatrice	John von Riesen		17	350						2
55. West Zion	O. W. Dirks	270	30	60	45	84	150		78	
56. Zion, Elbing	Willard H. Regier	116	15	65		20	24		40	1
57. *Zion, Belmont										
58. Zoar, Goltry	Sam P. Schmidt	254	13	247		20	45	10		
59. Zion, Kingman	John C. Voth	95	8							

* Last year's figures. No report for this year

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

CHURCH AND LOCATION		ELDERS		MINISTERS		Membership Jan. 1, 1936		Gain		Loss			Membership Jan. 1, 1937		Local Church Support		Foreign Mission		Home Mission		School		Relief		All other Purposes		Total	
								Baptism		Letter		Total		Deaths		Letter		Total										
1.	Bethlehem, Bloomfield, Mont.	J. F. Sawatzky	J. F. Epp	J. F. Epp	197	32	9	9	5	1	6	200	932.50	381.81	232.50	76.12	100.46	1732.39										
2.	Bethesda, Henderson, Nebr.	A. W. Friesen	J. J. Balzer	J. J. Balzer	689	16	4	36	6	7	13	712	2343.59	919.11	829.14	148.99	180.41	5268.24										
3.	Bethel, Mt. Lake, Minn.	John Bartel	D. D. Tieszen	D. D. Tieszen	511	16	15	31	2	11	13	529	4584.73	1555.00	50.00	59.64	210.03	6559.40										
4.	Bethesda, Marlon, S. D.	J. A. Tieszen	Edward Duerksen	Edward Duerksen	181	101	4	4	4	2	8	173	442.21	194.47	109.66	11.24	4.00	750.34										
5.	Bethel, Marlon, S. D.	Albert Schultz	Albert Ewert	Albert Ewert	101	49	4	4	1	2	3	98	216.16	41.59	26.74	9.63	234.99	503.98										
6.	Bethel, Langdon, N. D.	H. H. Quiring	D. P. Eitzen, A.	D. P. Eitzen, A.	76	2	2	4	1	3	4	51	106.08	20.96	20.95	8.66	26.97	163.41										
7.	Bethel, Lustre, Mont.	H. H. Quiring	D. P. Eitzen, A.	D. P. Eitzen, A.	56	8	1	9	1	3	4	76	16.75	62.27	171.04	92.41	92.41	152.95										
8.	Bethel, Wolf Point, Mont.	H. H. Quiring	D. P. Eitzen, A.	D. P. Eitzen, A.	252	13	5	18	3	1	4	65	578.03	178.03	655.00	211.75	502.00	1019.51										
9.	Bergfelder, Mt. Lake, Minn.	H. H. Quiring	D. P. Eitzen, A.	D. P. Eitzen, A.	252	13	5	18	3	1	4	266	790.00	597.00	655.00	211.75	502.00	2755.75										
10.	Bergfelder, Delft, Minn.	H. H. Quiring	D. P. Eitzen, A.	D. P. Eitzen, A.	252	13	5	18	3	1	4	266	790.00	597.00	655.00	211.75	502.00	2755.75										
11.	Bethany, Freeman, S. D.	H. H. Quiring	D. P. Eitzen, A.	D. P. Eitzen, A.	252	13	5	18	3	1	4	266	790.00	597.00	655.00	211.75	502.00	2755.75										
12.	Emmanuel Menn., Doland, S. D.	Jacob Friesen	J. W. Kleinsasser	J. W. Kleinsasser	198	22	2	24	1	2	3	219	772.97	218.90	168.00	95.23	95.23	1255.10										
13.	First Menn., Butterfield, Minn.	S. H. Quiring	N. P. Jansen.	N. P. Jansen.	55	9	5	14	1	2	3	69	517.73	95.89	110.26	135.00	135.00	858.88										
14.	First Menn., Madrid, Nebr.	M. P. Jansen	J. R. Warkentin	J. R. Warkentin	53	7	1	8	1	2	3	61	274.00	171.04	127.49	168.00	168.00	740.53										
15.	First Menn., Mt. Lake, Minn.	I. J. Dick	D. D. Harder	D. D. Harder	335	18	5	23	7	3	10	348	1113.00	500.00	132.00	91.00	91.00	2305.00										
16.	First Menn., Lostwood, N. D.	D. A. Schultz	H. P. Unruh	H. P. Unruh	49	3	4	7	1	10	11	41	75.00	10.35	57.53	179.00	179.00	142.88										
17.	Friedensberg, Avon, S. D.	John Bartel	L. H. Linscheld	L. H. Linscheld	116	80	6	86	3	4	7	115	383.86	45.00	121.48	10.00	38.95	608.00										
18.	Mennonite, Butterfield, Minn.	I. J. Dick	H. H. Rupp	H. H. Rupp	80	6	4	10	1	4	5	83	452.00	237.00	89.00	20.00	38.95	778.00										
19.	New Home, Westbrook, Minn.	Edward Duerksen	A. P. Waltner,	A. P. Waltner,	43	2	2	4	1	5	7	42	60.00	25.00	6.00	20.00	11.00	111.00										
20.	Salem, Wisner, Nebr.	Edward Duerksen	A. P. Waltner,	A. P. Waltner,	33	2	2	4	1	5	7	29	225.69	33.78	11.87	11.00	11.00	366.84										
21.	Swiss Menn., Alsen, N. D.	Hellmuth Ortman	A. P. Waltner,	A. P. Waltner,	140	18	3	21	2	3	5	141	487.89	60.30	93.47	11.44	11.56	664.65										
22.	Salem Menn., Munich, N. D.	P. R. Schroeder	A. P. Waltner,	A. P. Waltner,	128	13	1	14	3	3	6	126	372.82	50.53	396.40	15.34	13.36	860.27										
23.	Salem Menn., Freeman, S. D.	Albert Claassen	A. P. Waltner,	A. P. Waltner,	452	13	7	20	2	5	7	465	2299.59	740.00	370.00	143.53	13.36	3553.12										
24.	Salem Zion, Marlon, S. D.	Albert Claassen	A. P. Waltner,	A. P. Waltner,	394	19	12	31	3	7	10	415	1948.17	594.07	195.25	78.22	65.14	2924.35										
25.	Zion Menn., Arena, N. D.	Albert Claassen	A. P. Waltner,	A. P. Waltner,	54	174	76	250	43	72	115	53	15.74	5.12	3.85	9.00	9.00	42.33										
					4242	174	76	250	43	72	115	4471	19127.01	6737.22	3997.56	780.57	1969.51	34246.36										

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		Language	Preaching	Mission Offering	When held	No. of Teachers	Sunday-School Membership	Sunday School Teachers-Meetings	Offerings taken	Total	When Held	Membership	Offering	When held	Membership	Offerings								
1.	Bethlehem, Bloomfield, Mont.	G.	E.	M.	E.	12	212	Q.	S.	256.64	S.	112	46.10	S.	40	314.29	1723.39							
2.	Bethesda, Henderson, Nebr.	G.	E.	M.	E.	38	860	W.	E.	66.16	S.	All	80.79	M.	50	308.90								
3.	Bethel, Mt. Lake, Minn.	G.	E.	M.	E.	32	525		E.	1114.91	S. +	127	165.14	M.	28	652.66								
4.	Bethesda, Marlon, S. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	13	200		M.	56.86	M.	All	25.55	M.	All	98.42								
5.	Bethel, Marlon, S. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	11	150	No	M.	120.89	M.	All	37.28	M.	All									
6.	Bethel, Langdon, N. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	5	8	No	E.	54.93	M.	All	7.54	M.	10	244.84								
7.	Bethel, Lustre, Mont.	G.	E.	M.	E.	8	106	Oc.	E.	114.57	M.	All	20.31	M.	13	15.00								
8.	Bethel, Wolf Point, Mont.	G.	E.	M.	E.	8	110	Oc.	E.	146.96	M.	75	38.76	M.	18	227.66								
9.	Bergfelder, Mt. Lake, Minn.	G.	E.	M.	E.	14	249	Oc.	E.	342.38	M.	All	72.00	M.	All	502.00								
10.	Bergfelder, Delft, Minn.	G.	E.	M.	E.	10	110		E.	235.64	M.	25	73.60	M.	All									
11.	Bethany, Freeman, S. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	23	180	Oc.	E.	260.48	W.			M.	25	116.80								
12.	Emmanuel Menn., Doland, S. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	4	125	M.	E.	44.80			64.92											
13.	First Menn., Butterfield, Minn.	G.	E.	M.	E.	9	107		E.	281.26	M.	110	10.65	M.	20	171.75								
14.	First Menn., Madrid, Nebr.	G.	E.	M.	E.	8	107		E.	57.56	S.	50	63.00	M.	32	502.00								
15.	First Menn., Mt. Lake, Minn.	G.	E.	M.	E.	17	367		E.	892.00	S.	All	102.07	M.	32	67.37								
16.	First Menn., Lostwood, N. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	10	142		E.	5.01	M.			M.	22	73.12								
17.	Friedensberg, Avon, S. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	9	117	W.	E.	187.00	M.	43	43.00	M.	30	246.00								
18.	Mennonite, Butterfield, Minn.	G.	E.	M.	E.	2	28	S.A.	S.	28.00				T.W.	80	56.36								
19.	New Home, Westbrook, Minn.	G.	E.	M.	E.	5	33	No	E.	164.48														
20.	Salem, Wisner, Nebr.	G.	E.	M.	E.	3	90	Oc.	E.	106.90	M.	All	35.00	M.	22	222.00								
21.	Swiss Menn., Alsen, S. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	9	110	W.	E.	262.52	M.	All	60.48	M.	All	54.56								
22.	Salem Menn., Munich, N. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	19	450		E.	250.20	S.	No	89.63	B.W.	All	128.47								
23.	Salem Zion, Marlon, S. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	22	60		E.	360.69	S.	185	77.08	M.	All	168.35								
24.	Salem Menn., Freeman, S. D.	G.	E.	M.	E.	3			E.	15.00	M.	17	8.00											
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PACIFIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

NAME and PLACE of CHURCH		Joined District Conf.	Joined General Conf.	NAME and ADDRESS of PASTOR		Members Jan. 1936	Members Jan. 1937	Gain by Baptism	Gain by Letter	Gain Otherwise	Loss by Death	Loss by Letter	Loss Otherwise	Languages used	German - English	Services — How Often	S. S. Enrollment	C. E. Enrollment	Ladies' Mts. Soc.
1. Alberta Community Church, Portland, Oregon, 5138 N. E. 23rd Ave.	1931	1933		Miller, Edmund J., 1113 N. E. Webster St.	19	21	1	2			1			E		Sunday 2	90	14	15
2. Immanuel Mennonite Church, Pratum, Oregon	1896	1896		J. M. Franz	223	225		4			2			E		Sunday 2	210	85	33
3. First Mennonite Church, Aberdeen, Idaho	1907	1917		Phillip A. Wedel, W. Harley King, R. 3	282	286	4	3			2	1		E-G		Sun. 2 Wk. 1	283	125	62
4. First Mennonite Church, Colfax, Washington	1893	1896		P. R. Aeschliman, Pa. Em. R3	80	91		3			1			E		Weekly	146	68	24
5. First Mennonite Church, Monroe, Washington	1920	1920		M. M. Lehman	138	136					2			E-G		Sun. a.m. & 2nd Sun. p.m.	140	81	25
6. First Mennonite Church, Newport, Washington	1930	1933		Supply Pastor	39	44		7						E-G		Weekly	54	40	15
7. First Mennonite Church, Paso Robles, California				C. Hege, 805 Oak St.	67	68		5			4			E-G		Weekly	83	83	
8. First Mennonite Church, Reedley, California	1907	1908		J. H. Langenwalter, 1219 K. St., Box 295	474	470		9			7	8		E-G		Sunday 2-3	330	93	64
9. First Mennonite Church, Shafter, California	1935	1935		Gustav Frey	35	38					1			E-G		Sunday 2	105	24	23
10. First Mennonite Church, Upland, California	1903	1908		Lester Hostetler, 280 Campus Ave.	317	317		7			3			E		Sunday 2	238	115	38
11. Grace Mennonite Church, Albany, Oregon	1934	1935		W. R. Augsburgur, 1114 Santiam Road,	61	58		2			1			E		Sunday 1	119	50	21
12. Grace Mennonite Church, Dallas, Oregon	1934	1935		H. E. Widmer, 207 Jefferson, St.	46	47		1						E		Sunday 2	85	51	16
13. Immanuel Mennonite Church, Los Angeles, Calif. 656 East 79th Street	1918	1920		A. L. Jantzen, Supply	194	197		2			3	1		E-G		Sunday 2-3	441	103	45
14. Menno Mennonite Church, 20 Miles N. W. of Lind, Washington	1900	1903		M. J. Galle, Odessa, Wash.	125	125		3			1	2		E		Month 2	115	45	12
15. Salem Mennonite Church, Ruff, Washington	1911	1911		F. F. Jantzen, R.F.D., Bx 92.	41	38					3	3		G		Occasionally			
16. San Marcos Mennonite Church, Paso Robles, Cal.	1904	1905		TOTALS	117	119	6	46	20	27	40			G-E		Weekly	2569	965	403

	Local Church Expenses	Local S. S. Expenses	C. E. Expenses	Ladies' Mis. Soc.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Relief	P. Dist. Conf. and Portland Mis.	Other Purposes	Totals
1. Alberta Community Church, Portland, Oregon, 5138 N. E. 23rd Ave.	1931 1933 \$ 243.43	\$ 85.69	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.96	\$ 17.46	\$ 11.80	\$ 14.72	\$ 17.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 388.16	\$ 580.86
2. Immanuel Mennonite Church, Pratum, Oregon ..	1896 1896 1250.00	159.00	32.35	129.00	720.00	146.00	45.00	197.38	56.55	388.16	2732.00
3. First Mennonite Church, Aberdeen, Idaho ..	1907 1917 2395.28	596.00	8.92	20.85	1302.32	384.70	23.76	51.79	63.00	145.25	5397.35
4. First Mennonite Church, Colfax, Washington ..	1893 1896 573.91	109.69	21.03	145.46	367.43	244.46					1709.91
5. First Mennonite Church, Monroe, Washington ..	1920 1920 252.68	80.40	8.62	125.00	175.00	70.25					724.36
6. First Mennonite Church, Newport, Washington ..	1930 1933 50.00	26.00		26.27	95.00	75.00	56.00	25.00	15.00		280.89
7. First Mennonite Church, Paso Robles, California ..	1907 1908 995.00	316.39	22.90	601.17	107.00	89.00	1113.86	84.50	108.38	204.47	1287.00
8. First Mennonite Church, Reedley, California ..	1935 1935 3422.99	119.68	10.00	40.76	460.05	194.50	6.92				6529.21
9. First Mennonite Church, Shafter, California ..	1903 1908 356.01	247.56		32.39	804.19	340.64	100.42	70.73	141.45	65.88	664.42
10. First Mennonite Church, Upland, California ..	1934 1935 3902.79	92.37		43.09	44.97	85.57	12.21	23.08		7.80	5706.05
11. Grace Mennonite Church, Albany, Oregon ..	1934 1935 1036.48	24.59	.28	24.50	37.78	27.00		4.00	10.00		1345.57
12. Grace Mennonite Church, Dallas, Oregon ..	1934 1935 139.80										267.95
13. Immanuel Mennonite Church, Los Angeles, Calif.	1918 1920 3854.90	820.58	151.24	119.80	314.44	75.78	2.00	16.36			5355.10
14. Menno Mennonite Church, 20 Miles N. W. of Lind, Washington ..	1900 1903 752.95	182.54	14.15	30.47	101.23	63.17			32.39	19.43	1196.33
15. Salem Mennonite Church, Ruff, Washington ..	1911 1911 633.70	66.77	19.58	7.73	430.23	103.39	60.00	100.00	72.49	116.52	1610.41
16. San Marcos Mennonite Church, Paso Robles, Cal.	1904 1905 \$2062.92	\$297.26	\$298.07	\$1351.45	\$5091.97	\$1927.24	\$1434.89	\$589.84	\$756.26	\$947.51	\$35387.41

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MENNONITES IN CANADA **JANUARY 1937**

	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alb. and B.C.	Total	Inc. -|- Dec. -	
Total number of souls	1963	7230	9784	1983	20960	-	828
Number church members	1085	4080	4912	983	11060	-	350
Number of families	559	1200	1874	437	4070	-	33
Number of ministers	20	73	73	40	206	-	6
Number of elders	2	7	9	6	24	-	1
Number of congregations	4	10	22	10	46	-	7
Number of church houses	5	18	34	8	65	-	1
Number of worship places	14	56	91	24	185	-	1
In the country	9	53	63	17	142	-	1
In the cities	5	13	18	7	43	-	28
Number baptized in 1936	39	144	177	3	363	-	66
Number otherwise joined, 1936	47	74	83	62	266	-	38
Total increase, 1936	86	218	260	65	629	-	19
Members die, 1936	10	21	33	3	67	-	44
Number decrease otherwise	30	41	83	86	240	-	25
Total decrease, 1936	40	62	116	89	307	-	15
Number Marriages, 1936	12	48	71	8	139	-	4
Number children born, 1936	21	113	192	37	363	-	5
Number children died, 1936	3	12	21	2	38	-	13
Number Sunday Schools	11	43	58	11	123	-	6
Number Young Peoples Societies	3	27	49	8	93	-	15
Number Sewing Societies	8	26	45	10	89	-	
Financial Contributions	\$4089	\$9036	\$17006	\$4625	\$34756	-	\$5756

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEN DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF MENNONITES **IN ONTARIO, JANUARY, 1937**

	Souls	Members	Families	Ministers	Worship Houses
Old Mennonites	5000	2663	1000	25	26
Wisler Mennonites	2000	1157	500	8	12
Amish Mennonites	4000	2000	1000	9	12
Old Amish Mennonites	750	375	175	9	4
Reformed Mennonites ("Herreleut")	450	275	120	6	5
Brethern in Christ ("Tunker")	1500	800	375	15	20
Mennonite Brethern in Christ	4000	2000	1000	40	37
Independent Mennonites, Sterling Avenue Menn. Church ..	500	300	125	1	1
Evangelical Mennonite "Brotherhood" (Russian)	685	412	137	18	6
General Conference (Since 1923 from Russia)	1963	1085	559	22	14
Total Number in Ontario	20848	11067	4991	153	137
Total Number in Western Canada	59717	28543	12038	443	388
Total Number of Mennonites in Canada	80565	39610	17029	596	525

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TWELVE DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF MENNONITSS **IN WESTERN CANADA—MAN. SASK., ALB., B. C.. JANUARY, 1937**

	Souls	Members	Families	Congregations	Elders	Ministers	Worship houses	In the country	In the cities	Churches	Baptized, 1936	No of S. S.	No. Y. P. Soc.	No. Sew. Soc.	Bible Schools
General Conference	18997	9986	3511	32	22	180	171	132	39	59	324	111	84	79	6
Mennonite Brethren	12000	5637	2560	65	..	123	75	51	24	50	265	75	50	40	10
Evangelical Menn. Brethren ..	650	330	130	20	4	20	20	15	5	5	..	15	10	10	2
Def. Menn. Breth. in Christ ..	1177	580	200	3	..	9	6	3	3	31	6	6	4	3	3
Menn. Breth. in Christ - Eng. ..	973	469	200	39	3	13	39	14	25	6	..	35	15	18	2
Krimmer Mennonite Brethren ..	323	161	54	4	3	6	4	6	5	1	4	3	1	2	..
Ch. of God in Christ (Holdeman)	1468	744	311	3	3	17	6	4	2	6	21	5	6	..	..
Kleine Gemeinde (2 in Man.) ..	1989	990	452	2	2	14	7	6	1	5	61	6	3	..	..
Sommerfelder Society	15230	6665	3190	6	5	40	38	35	3	24	..	..	..	..	..
Altcolonier Society	5810	2381	1130	2	1	5	8	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Old Mennonites (Ont.)	1000	560	275	7	3	10	10	8	2	3	..	5	3	1	1
Amish Mennonites (Ont.)	100	40	25	2	2	6	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Number - Western Can. ..	59717	28543	12038	185	48	443	388	286	109	166	706	261	176	153	24

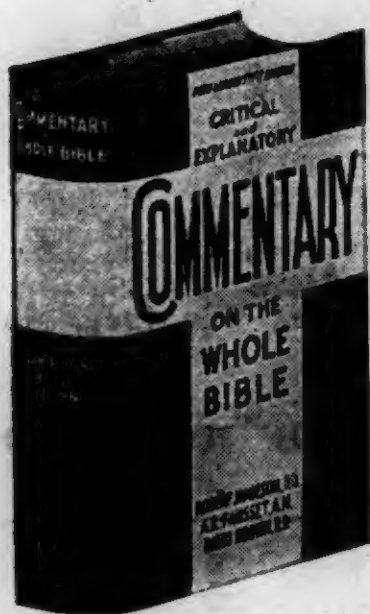
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